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Attack on 'starry-eyed' critics

Howard raps Woolf over crime policy

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

The home secretary has signalled that he intends to win the argument raging over the government's tough approach to law and order

MICHAEL Howard last night confronted Lord Woolf and the liberal penal establishment by trumpeting his determination to forge ahead with tough law and order measures and brusquely rejecting their criticisms.

In a point-by-point rebuttal of the law lord's onslaught on the package unveiled at the Tory conference, the home secretary said that the country could not afford to be "starry-eyed about crime and punishment", and strongly defended his plans to send more offenders to jail.

He also ridiculed Lord Woolf's suggestion that householders should be fined for leaving their doors unlocked and dismissed his call for the legalisation of some drugs as a "policy of despair".

In a speech to Chesham and Amersham Tories only 24 hours after winning strong public backing from the prime minister, Mr Howard took head on Lord Woolf's argument that sending more people to prison was a "shocking waste of resources".

Without mentioning the law lord by name, Mr Howard challenged his critics to explain what the alternative to imprisoning more offenders was. He suggested that to save money they were prepared put the safety of the public at risk.

"Prison is expensive. And as liberals never fail to point out, rates of reoffending after release can be quite high. But what is the point that those opposed to prison are seeking to make? Are they arguing that society cannot afford to protect itself, and that, to save money, dangerous or habitual criminals who are a threat to the public should be allowed to walk free? Or are they arguing that, because prison does not always stop offending behaviour we should treat dangerous criminals in the community, irrespective of the risk to the community.

"Of course, we must do what we can to help those in prison lead a useful life when they are released. Overcrowding in our prisons has halved. There has been a significant increase in the amount of time prisoners spend at work, or in training. But we cannot afford to be starry-eyed about crime and punishment.

"The fact is that prison does work. Thousands of dangerous criminals are prevented from attacking the community while they are inside. And many who might commit crime are deterred from doing so."

The home secretary's aides backed up the message, saying that he had expected a counterblast. "The important thing is that you should not withdraw from the fray. You have got to stay in there pitching toe to toe."

Mr Howard has been encouraged by the support of the prime minister and is confident he has the backing of the great majority of Tory MPs. However, some liberal Tories are worried about the lurch to the right.

Peter Bottomley, a former minister, said: "What is being done to stop the estimated 2,000 people a week who commit their first crime? Building prisons is not touching that problem."

Emma Nicholson, MP for Devon West, said: "Punishment has been shown not to work. Prevention has to start earlier."

In his speech earlier this week, Lord Woolf, whose report on the Strangeways riot was hailed as a milestone, dismissed Mr Howard's 27-point initiative as "short-sighted and irresponsible". It would fill the prisons, bringing the risk of more riots.

The prime minister led the counter-attack on Wednesday night, insisting that "prison does work" because it stops people from committing more crimes and deters others.

Last night, Mr Howard sought to demolish Lord Woolf's alternative prescriptions and took a sideswipe at Tony Blair, his Labour shadow.

"The government has worked hard to encourage householders to safeguard their homes and possessions. But can it seriously be suggested that the most effective way to fight burglary is to fine the victims. We need to help victims not punish them. And we must not shrink from giving the courts the power to lock up burglars when they think it is appropriate."

Legalisation of some drugs would be a policy of despair. "It would send a powerful signal, particularly to young people, that drug taking was now acceptable, or even sanctioned by society."

Mr Howard also attacked Mr Blair for branding his proposals as "gimmicks". Mr Blair had demeaned himself by coming up with a "glib phrase". He had not put forward one significant proposal for fighting crime.

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MICHAEL POWELL

Thomas and Joseph Helps, seven-year-old twins, visiting St John's College, Cambridge, where they have taken two of three new places as future choristers in the college choir. Their election means they will be paid royalties for recordings and will travel the world with the choir

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Minister says jobless fall shows the way in Europe

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Hunt, the employment secretary, yesterday hailed a 13,600 fall in the jobless tally as evidence that Britain was bucking the recessionary trend across Europe and that unemployment was on a downward path.

After the disappointing figures on factory output and inflation, the drop in the seasonally adjusted unemployment total to 2,908,300 — its lowest level for almost a year — was a boost for ministers bracing themselves for an autumn of hard fights over tax and spending and public sector pay.

An ebullient Mr Hunt seized on the September figure, reversing two months of slight increases in unemployment, to suggest that the economy had turned the corner and that Britain was profiting from the decision to stand aside from the European social chapter.

"This welcome news confirms the underlying strength of the UK economy. Inflation is under control, earnings growth continues to moderate, productivity is at record levels. The UK's deregulated labour market is now bringing unemployment down," he said.

But Mr Hunt's optimism was clouded by British Aerospace's announcement of 1,000 job losses. Robin Cook, Labour's trade and industry spokesman, said that they were evidence that Britain's biggest export earner was withering away in the absence of a genuine partnership between government and industry.

The employment secretary said he was optimistic about the future with the European Commission, the IMF and the World Bank all agreed that the UK would have the fastest-growing economy in Europe this year and next.

Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, said that the government was tinkering with unemployment after a year in which the number of people in work had fallen by 500,000.

Signs of a jobs rise will be welcomed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, as he meets his senior advisers today for a pre-Budget gathering at Dorneywood. However, as a leaked Treasury minute has confirmed, the pace of the recovery is proving slower than confidential Treasury forecasts. Ministers were expecting manufacturing output to rise 0.5 per cent in August but it fell back by 0.4 per cent.

"Although we might expect some rebound in September it would be optimistic to expect to meet our October forecast for the third quarter," the minute says.

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Allitt admits attacks

THE families of the victims of Beverley Allitt, the nurse who murdered and assaulted 13 children in her care at Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital, Lincolnshire, last night welcomed her admission of guilt on nine charges (Lyn Jenkins writes).

Police and her solicitor did not disclose which victims the confessions related to.

Allitt is in Rampton Hospital, Nottinghamshire, where she is being treated for a personality disorder and serving 13 life sentences imposed at Nottingham Crown Court in May.

A jury convicted her of murdering four children, attempting to murder another three and causing grevious bodily harm to a further six.

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Rape story censure for Woman's Hour

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE BBC Radio 4 programme, *Woman's Hour*, made for women by women has been censured by the Broadcasting Standards Council for an unsuitable and offensive book reading depicting violence against women.

In its first ruling against *Woman's Hour*, the council criticised the BBC for broadcasting an episode when serialising the book, *Jasmine*. The reading, adapted from the novel by Bharati Mukherjee, featured descriptions of rape and explicit violence. It was broadcast in August.

The council, which monitors taste and decency on radio and television, received two complaints about the episode, broadcast between 10.30 and 11.30am. It recounted the experiences of a woman travelling to America to visit her estranged husband.

In a statement requested by the council, the BBC accepted that the description of violence had been unsuitable. Michael Green, controller of Radio 4, made this clear to the programme's editorial staff.

This is not the first time the daily magazine programme, which started 47 years ago,

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Nuclear dump for Suffolk

BY NICK NUTTALL

EAST Anglia could become the site for Britain's second largest nuclear dump under plans to build a new pressurised water reactor on the Suffolk coast.

Nuclear Electric, the state-owned power company, yesterday submitted an application to build a second PWR next to its Sizewell B station.

It claims that a further station would allow the company to generate cost-effective electricity into the 21st century. At 2,600 megawatts it would be double the size of B and the country's biggest.

But the company is planning to store on site thousands of tonnes of waste, including spent fuel and operating wastes, some of which will be hazardous for 250,000 years.

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Haiti justice minister shot dead in office

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

GUNMEN assassinated Haiti's justice minister, two bodyguards and a fourth person last night. Haitian radio and UN officials said. Guy Malary was shot and killed in a hail of gunfire at his office in the capital, Port-au-Prince.

Earlier, President Clinton set the stage for a showdown with Haiti's military leaders, and is expected to announce a series of steps against the island, believed to include a sea blockade, to enforce United Nations sanctions.

Administration officials were discussing the option of sending US warships. Yesterday Canada pulled back 51 Royal Canadian Mounted Police from operations in Haiti, and the Pentagon said that an advance party of 46 American soldiers, the last UN troops in Haiti, would return to the US on Monday if there were no settlement.

At a news conference in the White House, the president said "blockade" was a term in international law "which is associated with a declaration of war, and so I have to be careful in using this word, but I think that we have to enforce the sanctions".

Mr Clinton explicitly warned Haiti's military leaders not to endanger the safety of the Haitian prime minister, Robert Malval. "I want to send a clear signal today, too, that the United States is very concerned about his ability to function and his personal safety and the safety of his government. That is very important to us. Malval is key to making this whole thing work," he said.

Mr Clinton made his thinly veiled threat of a blockade as part of a wide-ranging defence of his foreign policy. He welcomed yesterday's release of Chief Warrant Officer Michael Durant from captivity in Mogadishu.

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Urgent action is needed to halt the economy's slide into torpor


Clarke: tough rhetoric based on optimism

*The latest news on unemployment and the forecast on growth hold scant hope for economic recovery, **Janet Bush** writes*

Is the recovery petering out? Kenneth Clarke's tough rhetoric on taxes and spending throughout this year has been based on a relatively optimistic view of the strength of recovery, but that is now deeply in doubt. All the evidence suggests that after a period of quite buoyant growth around April and May, most notably in the export sector, the economy has been losing momentum. Some economists believe that activity may even be slipping away altogether.

The current account deficit in July, having looked stable for months, jumped to £1.5 billion from £1.2 billion in June, with the export boom spluttering out. British factories' output fell by 0.7 per cent in the three months to August compared with the previous three, and the Central Statistical Office said that underlying growth in manufacturing industry is now only 1 per cent compared with 6 per cent estimated in the spring. Consumer credit, while improving a little, has remained at very low levels and bank lending to companies is sluggish.

Next week's figures for growth in the third quarter are likely to show no more than 0.5 per cent growth and may be considerably lower. According to an internal Treasury document leaked to the press this week, even the Treasury says that manufacturing would have to grow by about 2 per cent in September — scarcely credible on current trends — for its third quarter growth forecast to be met.

As so many in the City warned — including the Chancellor's independent panel of economic forecasters — what appeared to be a promising and sustainable recovery earlier this year, founded on manufacturing exports, has come up against the brick wall of deep recession in Britain's all-important markets in Europe.

What is more worrying is that despite the fillip of lower interest rates, consumers remain cautious and British companies, far from running down their savings and investing for expansion, have gone on hoarding so far this year. Overall, private sector spending has scarcely risen at all since the last six months of 1992.

In addition, spending by the government, which has been a major force fuelling what recovery Britain has had, will now be held in check if the government sticks to its promises.

There is every reason to believe that the two other key engines of recovery that should have been fired by large cuts in interest rates and sterling's depreciation, but have already proved disappointingly fragile, could do even worse next year.

Peter Warburton, chief economist at Robert Fleming, believes that accumulating pressures on consumers will force the government into an abrupt change of policy: large drops in interest rates. Consumers will be wary, however, of dipping into their pockets. Mr Fleming points out that average earnings, running at 3.5 per cent according to yesterday's figures, have now dipped below the underlying rate of inflation (excluding housing) which stands at 3.6 per cent.

Despite yesterday's news of a seasonally adjusted fall in unemployment of 13,600 in September, the number of those in employment has been falling. In August, the number of jobs in manufacturing fell by 24,000 and the Engineering Employers' Federation yesterday said that 60,000 engineering jobs will be lost during the next year. Consumers are not going to go spend while they are worried about losing their jobs.

From next year, consumers who are still struggling to pay off their credit cards and mortgage debts from the 1980s will face the higher taxes put in place by Norman Lamont when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, plus any planned by Mr Clarke.

The conclusion is inescapable. The City believes that the Chancellor must take further action on the deficit.

Michael Saunders, chief UK economist at US investment bank Salomon Brothers, sees nothing that will make the recovery accelerate or even sustain growth at its current, anaemic level, and believes that the government must use the only tool available and use it now — a large base rate cut at Budget time.

So far, Mr Clarke has lived with the policies put in his place by his predecessor, maintaining ultra-caution on interest rates. But the evidence suggests that he has to move quickly.

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Police call for new powers to end violence

Major promises action to stop football hooligans

BY JOHN GOODBODY, SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

JOHN Major apologised to Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, yesterday for this week's hooliganism in Holland during which more than 1,100 England football supporters were arrested. He condemned their behaviour and said it would be discussed by government departments to decide what further action could be taken.

In the first cases heard by Dutch courts yesterday, Raymond Gregory, 30, of Enfield, London, was jailed for three weeks with a further three-week suspended sentence for attacking a policeman. Three others England fans were fined and given suspended sentences, a fourth was fined and another acquitted.

As the last supporters returned home yesterday after the World Cup qualifying game, the British policeman who led the undercover operation against them in Amsterdam and Rotterdam called for new powers to stop convicted hooligans travelling to international matches. Assistant Chief Con Malcolm George will send a report to the Home Office about the disorder, which led to more arrests than at any match in the England team's history.

Mr George said: "We have to think of a means of dealing with those individuals so the vast travelling public are not inconvenienced by the restrictions we need to impose on this group who tarnish the reputation, in a most horrific way, of British citizens abroad.

"If convictions here would restrict travel abroad that would simplify the problem. It might be hard to police, but it would make things crystal clear."

Mr George, secretary of the Association of Chief Police Officers' sub-committee on hooliganism at sports events, added: "I wonder why we need the British visitor's passport. If everyone had the same passport, it would be more meaningful. Then we would also need powers to take it from people when they abuse the rights the British passport gives them."

Mr George said that while they did not want to restrict the civil liberties of individuals, people should not be allowed to travel if they chose football matches to display violence.

Since part two of the Football Spectators Act was passed in 1989, only 26 convicted hooligans have been subject to restriction orders for a maximum of two years. One was able to evade controls and reached Holland this week, where he was arrested again.

Those found guilty of offences committed this week will not face future travel bans because England and Holland do not agree on restriction orders legislation, which an English court requires if it is to impose a ban.

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PAUL EDWARDS



A lorry hangs over the Middlesbrough to Saltburn railway line after crashing through a barrier yesterday. The driver, Neville Chapman, 52, a soccer player with Middlesbrough from 1961 to 1966, died in the accident

Bottomley pelted with eggs in LSE protest

BY JOHN VINCENT

VIRGINIA Bottomley was pelted with eggs and heckled while trying to make a speech at the London School of Economics last night.

The demonstration by health service workers came after Mrs Bottomley, the health secretary, walked on to the stage to make the Founders Day lecture. Demonstrators in the public gallery hurled missiles and barracked her. One egg landed in front of her and another smashed near her feet.

Mrs Bottomley left the stage as Sir Peter Parker, the LSE chairman, tried to restore order. A group of nurses stormed on to the platform and took control of the microphone.

Brid Hill, who works at University College Hospital, which is threatened with closure, announced: "If she had any decency she would come up here. We are losing our jobs, and what does she do? She smiles sweetly." Others began to chant and called Mrs Bottomley a coward.

Mrs Bottomley later delivered her speech to an invited audience in a reception room. She said that doctors should not deny treatment to patients simply because they were smokers.

Brussels threatens to block opt-out

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

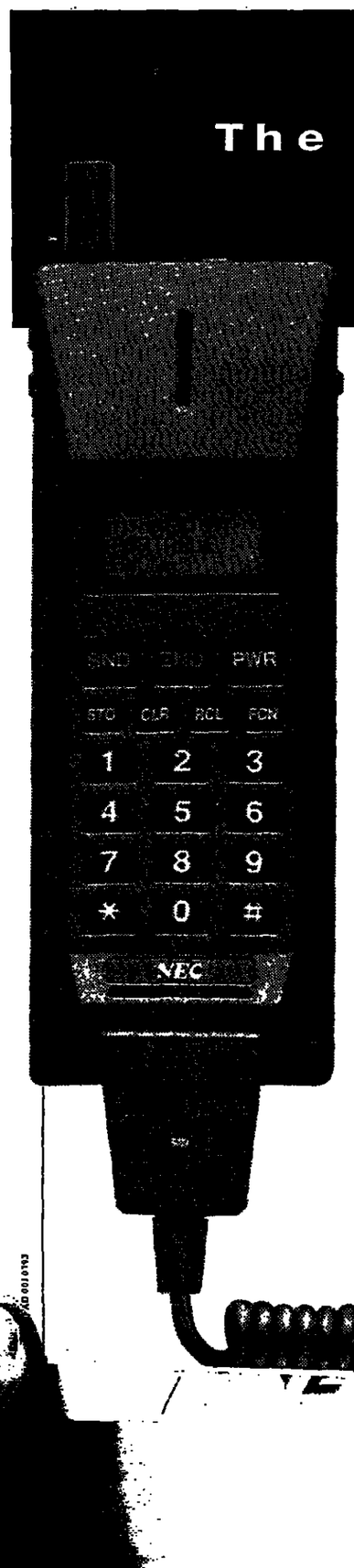
THE government's opt-out from the Maastricht treaty was threatened yesterday when Brussels said it would bring forward employment law proposals with the aim of applying them to Britain.

The European Commission's move, signalled by Padraig Flynn, the commissioner on social affairs, means Britain is again heading for what Brussels officials privately call "running battles" with Europe over employment law.

Britain's opt-out from the social protocol was aimed at ensuring that employment standards introduced by the EC would not apply here. David Hunt, the employment secretary, said yesterday that the latest fall in unemployment was the result of Britain's flexible labour market.

But Mr Flynn told industrialists in London he would "continue to seek to progress social policy measures among The Twelve". EC officials confirmed later that the Commission's intent would be to use "on all occasions" the current provisions of the original Treaty of Rome to bring forward new social legislation "in order to keep the UK on board".

This week Britain opposed a directive on introducing works councils in all EC states. Mr Hunt claimed victory after the European social affairs council agreed to allow Britain to claim its opt-out on the move. But the next day Mr Flynn and Jacques Delors, the commission president, agreed not to drop the original proposal.



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Water birth alarm after baby drowns

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING member of the natural birth movement gave a warning about water births yesterday, following the drowning of a baby in Sweden.

The child was born in a portable pool rented to couples by two midwives. Swedish health authorities said the two women had ignored advice not to carry out underwater births and now faced prosecution. A similar tragedy occurred three years ago in France.

At least a dozen NHS hospitals have pools in which women may give birth but there have been no deaths. But Sheila Kitzinger, a campaigner for natural childbirth, said yesterday that some hospitals recommended dangerous practices.

"One had a rule that babies should not be held underwater for more than three minutes," she said. I find that quite terrifying. Babies are not aquatic animals. They need to be lifted out and into their mothers' arms straight away."

Ms Kitzinger said the idea of holding babies underwater to smooth their transition to life had originated in California but was "very dangerous." Midwives were advised not to intervene in an underwater birth as manipulation of the baby could cause it to start breathing.

The National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit in Oxford has begun a survey of underwater births to discover how practices vary between hospitals. Many women choose to spend at least part of their labour in a pool because it eases the pain and helps them relax.

BBC radio censured

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has attracted complaints from listeners, but none have led to a ruling before. Last year a serialisation of Nina Bawden's book, *Family Money*, was criticised by listeners for the use of bad language.

There have been grumbles, too, about a perceived shift in emphasis under the presenter Jenni Murray, who took over from Sue McGregor in 1987, towards a more feminist line.

In recent years, the programme has focused on violence against women, health and sexual problems. It has a daily audience of 600,000, a third of whom are men.

In another unprecedented ruling against a BBC programme, the council also criticised a schools' television programme, *English File*, on BBC2. It ruled that an episode of *Tuesday*, a drama written by Edward Bond, the author of the Paddington Bear books, contained material of a violent nature unsuitable for broadcasting between mid-day and 12.30pm.

The BBC claimed that viewing at schools was supervised by teachers. However, the council upheld a complaint about a scene depicting a young man being shot dead by police.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Three in court over London bombs plot

Three men were remanded in custody yesterday, charged in connection with the discovery of a bomb factory in London at the weekend. Derek Doherty, 23, Gerard Mackin, 32, both of no fixed address, and Thomas McAuley, 37, of Tottenham, north London, were remanded until October 28 by Arbour Square Magistrates' Court.

The three were charged with conspiracy to cause explosions in London and with possessing Semtex. Explosives were discovered on Saturday during police raids that followed 10 small explosions in north London. Two men and a woman were being held under the Prevention of Terrorism Act yesterday.

Price cut ruling

The Office of Fair Trading last night dismissed allegations by *The Independent* that the recent reduction in the price of *The Times* was predatory pricing. Sir Bryan Carsberg, director-general of fair trading, said he was satisfied that the reduction reflected a calculated commercial decision "which I would not be justified in treating as predatory".

£46m left to charity


A widow who died last May after a fall at a nursing home in Stourbridge, West Midlands, aged 88, left £46 million to charity. The estate of Violet Eveson, left, whose grandfather made his fortune in hops, could yield more than £1 million a year for hospitals, medical research, the handicapped and homeless. She also left £2 million in personal bequests, including £50,000 to her gardener.

Storms blown south

Flood alerts remain in force today on the Colne in Buckinghamshire, the Ouse at Newport Pagnell and the Cam near Cambridge, even though rain expected to deluge southern England was pushed by winds towards France, with 2in falling in the Channel Islands yesterday morning.

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Serial killer Allitt admits nine of the crimes she denied

By Lin Jenkins

■ *In fairness to the victims' families, police are keeping secret the details of belated confessions by the former children's nurse*

BEVERLY Allitt, the serial killer sentenced to 13 life terms for murdering and assaulting children in her care on a hospital ward, has admitted some of the crimes. She denied them all throughout her trial.

Allitt, 24, who was found guilty of murdering three babies and a mentally retarded boy of 11, attempting to murder another three children and assaulting six others, some of whom were left severely and permanently damaged, was interviewed by police at Rampton Hospital, Retford, Nottinghamshire.

The questioning was part of the enquiry being conducted by Sir Cecil Clothier, former member of the Royal Commission on the NHS, into events at Grantham and Kesteven General Hospital, Lincolnshire, during the 51 days Allitt spent on Ward Four as a qualified enrolled nurse.

Allitt has now admitted nine of the attacks with which she was charged. She faced 22 charges in respect of the 13 children at the hospital.

In a joint statement yesterday, Det Supt Stuart Clifton, who led the enquiry, and John Kendall, Allitt's solicitor, said she had admitted nine of the offences with which she was charged.

The statement said: "At this stage neither the police nor Mr Kendall intend to identify which offences she has admitted. Miss Allitt is continuing to co-operate with the police and Mr Kendall and if there are any further developments they will be announced."

In the time Allitt served on the ward, where she had been refused a staff job because of her lack of experience and poor skills, children collapsed regularly. Some she injected with unprescribed drugs, causing them to turn blue and in some cases die, while others rallied only to suffer permanent brain damage or physical disability. On other occasions, she was said in court to have simply placed a hand over her victims' noses and mouths to stop them breathing.

Det Supt Clifton said that it would be unfair to disclose which offences Allitt had admitted. "It would be grossly unfair to subject four of these families to a situation where they were the ones who were not being admitted. I know some of the parents would like us to disclose, but I take the view that it would be unfair to the four remaining ones and I think that having explained that to the families they will understand."



Allitt: she is serving 13 life sentences

He said Allitt's admissions, even after conviction, allowed him to talk to the Clothier enquiry with an "increased credibility".

Before sentencing, medical experts said Allitt, of Corby Glen, near Grantham, suffered both from Munchausen Syndrome, a personality disorder which led her to injure herself to receive medical treatment, and Munchausen Syndrome By Proxy, a rare condition in which the sufferer deliberately harms others so that they will need medical treatment.

Helen Hardwick, mother of 11-year-old Timothy, Allitt's oldest victim, said all the families would feel relieved at the news. "That is what all of us want. We just want relief — to know she has admitted to it because all along she had claimed she was not guilty. We always knew she had done it."

Joanne Taylor, whose eight-week-old baby Liam was murdered by Allitt, said police refused to tell her if the admission related to her son.

"In my opinion there are nine sets of parents who can be relieved she has admitted what she did. If we are the parents of one of her victims which she hasn't admitted, I would rather know. I am sitting here wondering has she or hasn't she admitted to Liam's murder."

Fay Davidson, 52, whose son Michael saw a psychologist and psychiatrist after surviving an attack by Allitt, said: "I have mixed feelings about not knowing which of the attacks are involved. If we were one of them we would have to think about the other parents."

The Department of Health said the Clothier enquiry was taking longer than initially suggested when it was set up in May.

A spokesman said the complexity of the issues being addressed and the large number of witnesses meant that the report would probably not be completed until the end of this year or beginning of next.

Edinburgh exhibition paints a picture of hidden royal artistry



The Queen breakfasting at Windsor Castle, painted by the Duke of Edinburgh. The exhibition contains two other oils by the duke

Never mind the quality, just look at the regal signature

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland Correspondent

DA VINCI and Picasso they are not, but for 300 years the royal family have donned smocks and dabbled in art. For the first time, the work of eight generations of royal artists has been brought together at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh.

The result is an exhibition of historical interest rather than outstanding artistic merit. It includes the Prince of Wales's peaceful, often lonely, landscapes, and three oil paintings by the Duke of Edinburgh, the most charming of which is his portrait of the Queen eating breakfast in the private dining room at Windsor Castle.

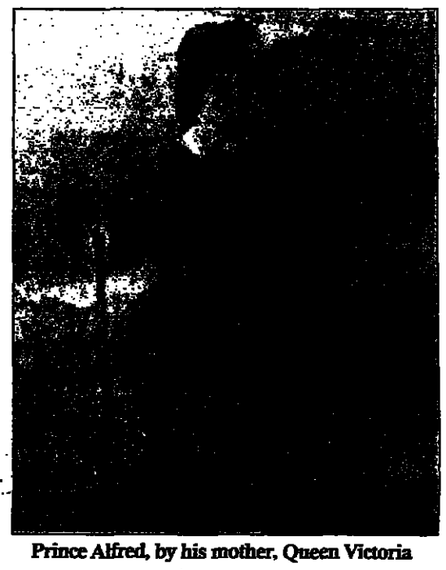
Queen Victoria was one of the most prolific royal artists and had many tutors, including Sir Edwin Landseer. The exhibition features sentimental studies of her children, including a portrait of Prince Alfred, aged 4, in Highland dress.

She passed her enthusiasm to her children and the works of Victoria, the Princess Royal, and Princess Alice are among the finer examples in the exhibition, full of drama and romance.

The earliest painting is by Prince Rupert, grandson of James I. It is dated 1658 and is a mezzotint — a form of engraving — entitled *The Great Executioner*. He is the first royal artist by whom a large number of works survive and is generally credited with inventing the mezzotint.

The exhibition also features a copy of Guido Reni's portrait of St Jerome, drawn by the Young Pretender, Prince Charles Edward Stuart, in 1733 at the age of 12. The back of the red chalk drawing states that the prince produced the work without any help.

The exhibition, which opens today, runs until March 12. As the Duke of Edinburgh remarks: "Some royal artists are obviously a great deal more talented than others, but we have all done it for fun and perhaps it will encourage others to have a go."



Prince Alfred, by his mother, Queen Victoria

Rape trial student says woman asked for sex

By Nicholas Watt

THE student accused of raping a fellow undergraduate after a drunken college party told the Old Bailey yesterday that the woman repeatedly asked him to have sex.

Austen Donnellan, 21, who studied history at King's College London, said that the woman kissed him passionately on the dance floor and undressed him in her room when he took her back after the party. He denies rape.

In a statement read to the court by Michel Massih, for the defence, Mr Donnellan said: "She was making sexually explicit gestures to me and began to remove my T-shirt. I asked her whether she was sure about this and she continued [asking him to have sex]."

He added that the woman took off her underwear and he removed the rest of his clothes. He said he was sexually aroused by this stage and asked the woman again if she was sure.

In the statement that Mr Donnellan made to the disciplinary committee of King's College, he said: "She told me in explicit terms what she wanted me to do. She became very excited and energetic and seemed in control, which made me slightly more relaxed about the sex that ensued between us.

"I even suggested during intercourse that she might prefer to lie on top of me so if she felt she didn't want to continue she could stop the intercourse more easily. We had sex on and off for about an hour."

Peter Upton, a solicitor for King's College, told the court that Earl Russell, Mr Donnellan's history tutor, had written to the disciplinary committee on the student's behalf. In the letter, Lord Russell — the historian Conrad Russell — said: "He does not regard himself as guilty of anything ... [and] will not give an apology because he is not aware of having done anything for which an apology is appropriate. On the other hand, he is willing and indeed eager to avoid contact with her and not to indulge in recrimination and not to take the matter further."

Mr Donnellan told the court that he never had the impression that intercourse had taken place without the woman's knowledge or consent. It ended when other friends who had also been at the party knocked at the door.

After they left, he and the woman fell asleep and he woke in the early hours to find her "feeling me". He started to have sex with her again but stopped when she told him: "I can't believe you just tried to do that."

The alleged victim has told the court that she kissed Mr Donnellan passionately, but she told a friend that she found him "sexually repellent" and that a kiss was not an invitation to sex.

Robert Ince, 21, a friend of the two students, told the court yesterday that the alleged victim often asked him to stop her from going home with Mr Donnellan because she would regret it. Mr Ince said: "She behaved differently after drinking than she did normally. She would indulge in passionate kissing with Austen before regretting it all."

The trial continues today.

Police raid house in wrong road

By Michael Horsnell

POLICE on a drugs raid smashed down the front door of a house and pinned a couple to the wall only to discover they had the wrong address.

Brian Palliser, 51, thought he was being burgled and ran downstairs to challenge intruders at his home in Gosport, Hampshire, shortly before dawn yesterday.

He was confronted by a dozen officers who dragged his wife Jean, 48, from her bed and searched for 15 minutes.

When the police realised their blunder they went to the right address. The raids led to ten arrests and the seizure of cannabis, amphetamines and other drugs.

Hampshire police said later that they had the right house number, but the wrong road. A superintendent returned later to apologise; the couple will be offered compensation.

Blue Peter baby tried drugs and crime



Daniel as a baby on *Blue Peter*

THE child whose early years were followed by *Blue Peter* in the 1960s later turned to petty crime and drugs (Alexandra Frean writes).

The development of Daniel Scott will be described in a BBC2 documentary on Sunday, *Here's One I Made Earlier*, marking the 35th anniversary of the programme. *Blue Peter* had featured Daniel to teach children who did not have younger brothers or sisters about babies. Now 25, he is one of several people who appeared on *Blue Peter* as children and have been tracked down for the documentary.

Mr Scott talks on screen about his difficulties after his parents' divorce. "If you are a punk rocker, you are a drop-out; you turn to drugs and things like that," he says. He added that he had not taken hard drugs.

He says: "I was a look-out man in a burglary. It wasn't a major thing; I got a minor fine and two years' probation." The sentence taught him a lesson and stopped him re-offending, he said.



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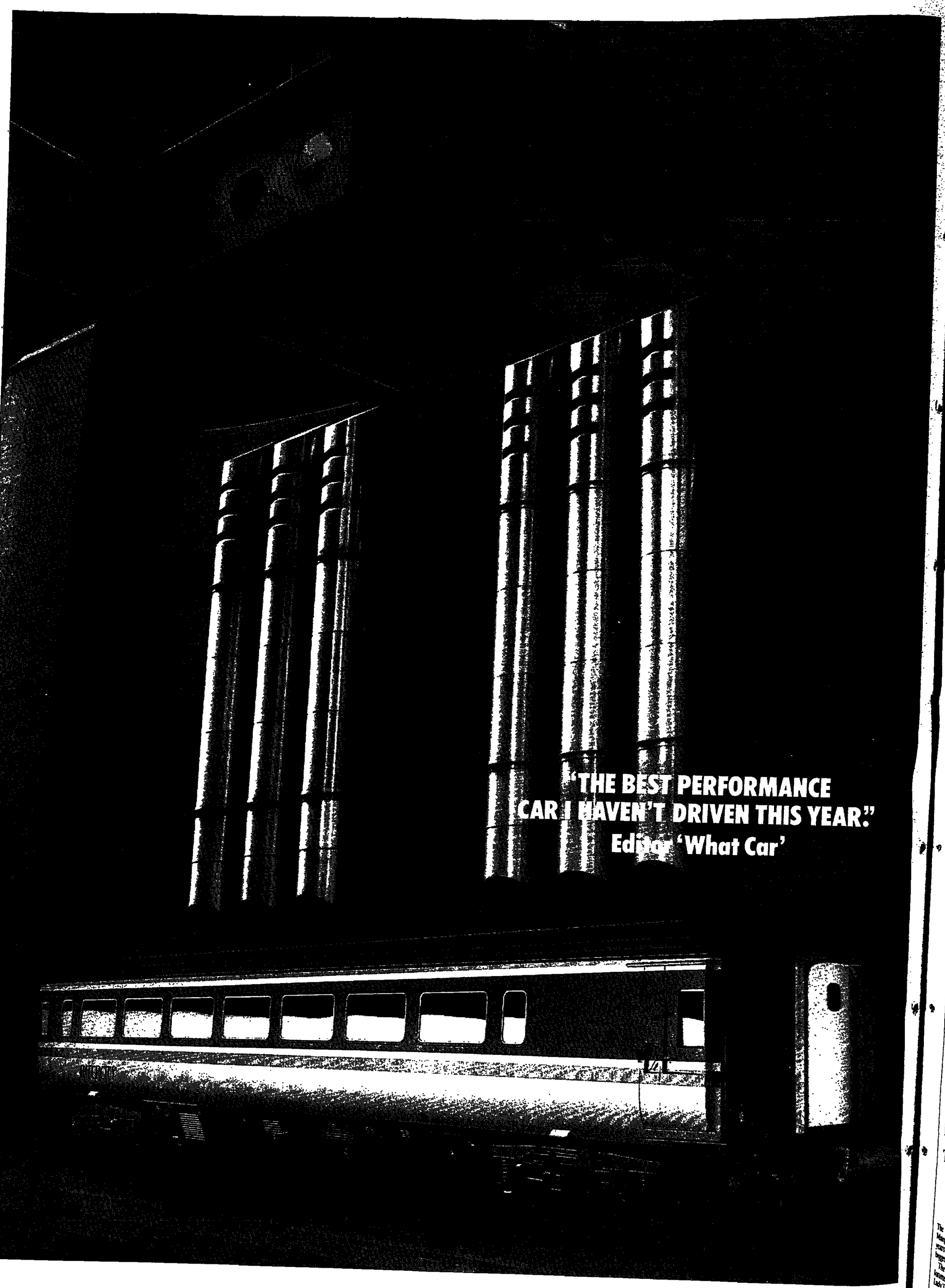
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New tests for 14-year-olds fail to convince teachers

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

■ The length of examinations has been reduced and English questions made more open-ended in changes to appease teachers

TEACHERS yesterday gave a lukewarm response to streamlined tests for 14-year-olds which ministers hope will defuse the dispute that disrupted schools this summer.

Sample papers in English, mathematics and science were unveiled by government advisors as it emerged that fewer than 200 of 4,000 secondary schools reported results of English tests that state schools were legally required to take in June.

Confirmation of the strength of the teaching unions' boycott underlined the task facing John Patten, the education secretary, as he attempts to get government reforms back on track.

Yesterday's sample tests were keenly awaited by teachers in England and Wales as the first evidence of the government's commitment to reduce their workload, cut paperwork and slim compulsory tests and the national curriculum. These reforms were proposed as part of a peace plan by Sir Ron Dearing, chairman of the new School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA).

However, the initial reaction was cautious. English teachers, who led the summer boycott, called for the revised English tests to be voluntary. The two unions committed to voting again on industrial action also left little prospect of an early end to the dispute.

The sample tests, published by SCAA, show a number of significant changes from this summer's ill-fated version. Most pupils will sit two papers in mathematics and science, totalling four hours, a reduction of two hours.

The main changes are in English. Pupils will now sit two papers lasting 2¾ hours, instead of four. A paper testing pupils on an anthology of classic literature and poetry has been dropped.

The first sample test, lasting 90 minutes, requires pupils to analyse extracts from a newspaper and a poem by Liz Lochhead, the feminist Scottish poet. The second examines pupils on a scene from a Shakespeare play that has been studied in class. SCAA officials said the revised paper was designed to test understanding rather than memory, with pupils given advance notice of the scene and a text during the mini-examination.

Officials said the style of English questions had been changed to make them open-ended, allowing teachers more scope to use their professional judgment when marking scripts. For example, the sample Shakespeare paper asks pupils to "imagine you are a bystander" at a scene in *Romeo and Juliet*, and explain to a friend what went on and whether Romeo was treated justly.

Handwriting and spelling will account for 10 per cent of marks in English, an increase from this summer. There are no specific marks for grammar, although teachers will be expected to rate pupils' performance overall.

A senior SCAA official said the tests had been improved after extensive and genuine consultation. Simplified marking schemes are intended to cut the time teachers spend recording pupils' results from the present average of 25 minutes per subject.

The sample tests are being distributed to schools this week. All subjects include classroom tasks to test below-average pupils, and an extra paper for the brightest.

Gillian Wood, assistant general secretary of Association of Teachers and Lecturers, the main moderate union, said: "The mood in the classroom is sceptical. Our members remain to be convinced about reductions in workload."

Doug McAvoy, general secretary of the National Union of Teachers, said the union was analysing the sample tests to establish their "educational soundness" and assess the extent to which they might reduce workload. The union's 180,000 members would be consulted before any decision on lifting the boycott.


PETER TRIEVNOR

Jessica Brown, left, and Emily Marsh at the Pre-School Playgroups Association in London yesterday for the launch of a national helpline to advise parents about childcare for the under-fives (Lucy Berrington writes).

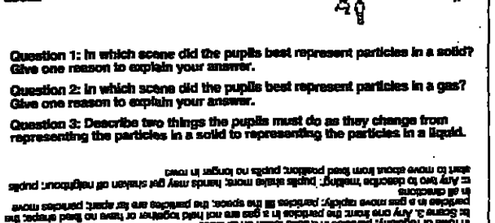
The line has been set up in response to recent cases in which children have been left alone at home, and is accompanied by a report intended to stimulate investment in playgroups. Margaret Lochrie, of the association, said that the case of Heidi Colwell, who left her four-year-old daughter alone every day while she went to work, highlighted the "cobbled together" arrangements forced on many families, particularly single parents.

She said that there was a serious shortage of extended-hours daycare that enabled parents to work. Playgroups typically do not start until 9am and many are closed in the afternoons. A pilot study had shown that most could expand their facilities greatly for a "relatively modest" investment, which the association hopes would come from central government, employers and local authorities. The helpline number if 071-837 5513.

WHAT PUPILS WILL FACE

MATHS

Question 1
A group of 20 people comes into a restaurant. The first 8 people sit at one table. They order 12 pizzas and share them equally. The other 12 people sit at another table.



Each person on the second table wants to have the same amount of pizza as each person on the first table.
What is the total number of pizzas they should order for the second table?

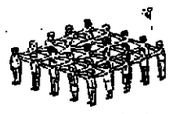
Question 2
At another table 18 people shared their pizzas equally. Each person had the same amount of pizza as each person at the first table.
What is the total number of pizzas the 18 people ordered for their table?

Answer: 1. 16 2. 27

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A teacher took her class into the school hall to teach them about particles

Scene 1
First she made them stand close together in rows. Pupils could move their bodies but had to stand in the same place and to hold on to each other.



Scene 2
After this she allowed the pupils to walk around the hall but they had to stay close together, in contact with other pupils most of the time



Scene 3
She then allowed the pupils to run around the hall and jump about.



Question 1: In which scene did the pupils best represent particles in a solid? Give one reason to explain your answer.

Question 2: In which scene did the pupils best represent particles in a gas? Give one reason to explain your answer.

Question 3: Describe two things the pupils must do as they change from representing the particles in a solid to representing the particles in a liquid.

Answer:
e Scene 1. Any one from : the particles in a solid are held in position or close together; the particles in a solid are able to vibrate; a solid has a fixed shape; particles in a solid are arranged in rows or regularly; particles in a solid touch on all sides
Scene 3. Any one from: the particles in a gas are not held together or have no fixed shape; the particles in a gas move quickly; particles fill the space; the particles are far apart; particles move in all directions
e Any two to describe 'melting'. Pupils should move; hands may get shaken off neighbour; pupils start to move about from fixed position; pupils no longer in rows

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MARGARET THATCHER

The Downing Street Years

A unique opportunity to hear the former prime minister and question her on her career

The publication this month of the first volume of Margaret Thatcher's memoirs, the inside story of her 11½ years as Britain's first woman prime minister, will be the biggest publishing event of 1993.

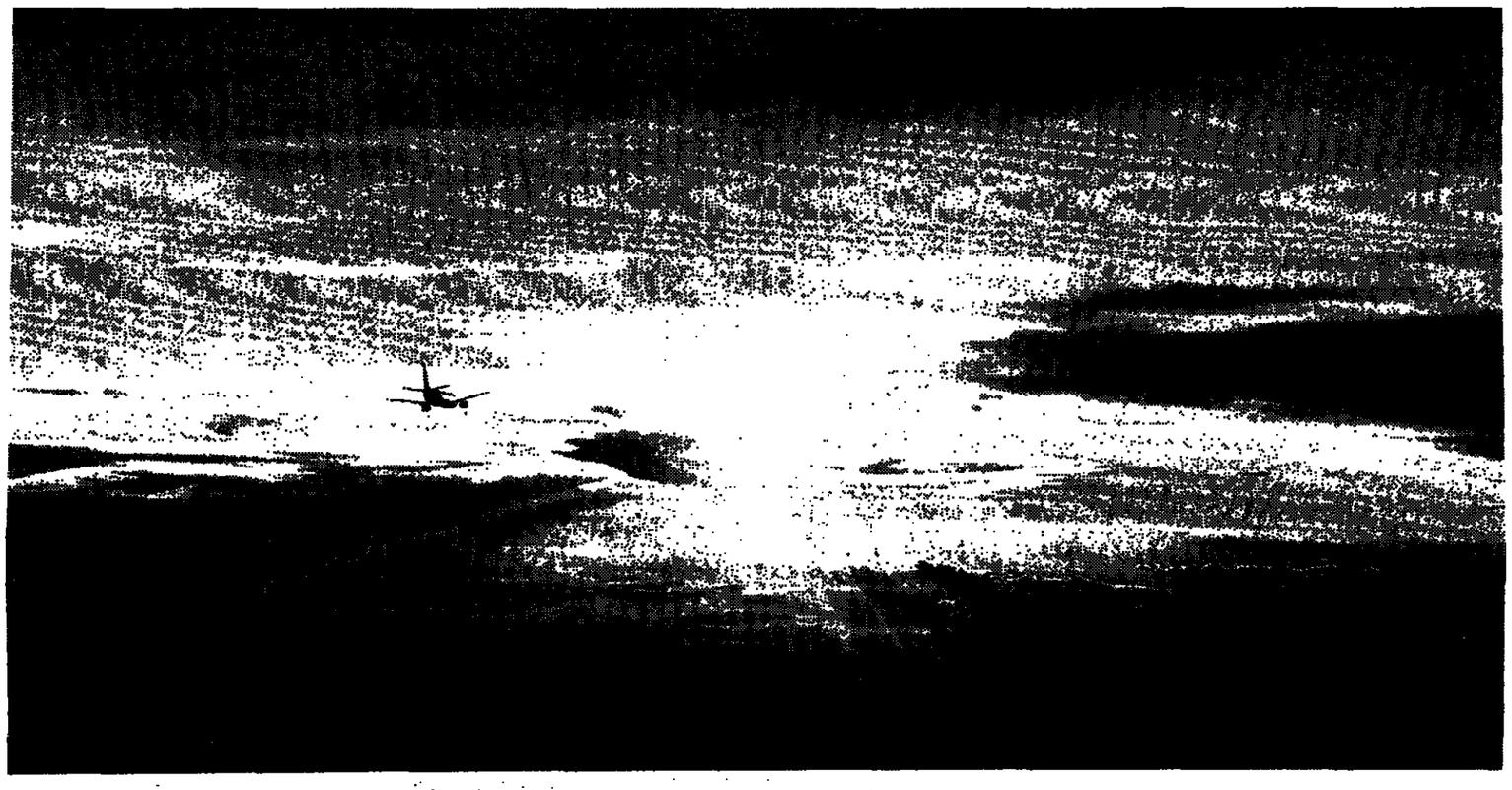
The Times, in co-operation with Dillons, is to stage two forums, one in London and another in Leeds, at which Lady Thatcher will speak about her Downing Street years — a unique opportunity for Times readers to hear and question the greatest prime minister since Churchill.

The London forum, chaired by Jeffrey Archer, will be at the Barbican Centre on Tuesday, October 19. The Leeds forum, chaired by Richard Whiteley, is at Leeds Town Hall on Wednesday, October 27. Both start at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £30, which includes a copy of *The Downing Street Years* (HarperCollins, £25).

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Confident Short puts Kasparov under pressure

By Raymond Keene and Ian Murray

NIGEL Short, buoyed by his first victory in *The Times* World Chess Championship on Tuesday, succeeded in putting Garry Kasparov under pressure yesterday, despite the disadvantage of playing Black, but had to be *content, finally, with a draw.*

Kasparov was thirsting for revenge after his defeat in the previous game, but Short was able first to neutralise the champion's advantage of playing White, and later to take the initiative in a complex endgame, which ended in a draw after 41 moves.

The audience in the Savoy Theatre in London gave the British player an enthusiastic welcome at the start of the game. Playing much more rapidly than the champion, Short forced the early pace and built up a useful time advantage.

Just as Kasparov seemed to be seizing the initiative, Short visibly shocked him with a sharp counter-attack which won a pawn and left the champion shaking his head in disbelief.

The same move caught most watching grandmasters by surprise as well, and their consensus was that Short's earlier victory had given him the confidence for the first time to match Kasparov in the battle of technique of the endgame.

Kasparov, still smarting from Tuesday's defeat, his first in more than a year, showed considerable caution when he opened the 17th game with a lead of 10½ points to 5½ in the *24-game match.*

For the second time in the match he resorted to the Scotch Opening, which brought him close to success in game 11. Short, playing Black, followed that game until his tenth move ... a6. This new idea was designed to give his somewhat exposed king's bishop a haven along the diagonal, in case it should be attacked.

Kasparov sought to evade complications by trading queens into an endgame. Short, in response, shocked most expert commentators by encouraging the champion to shatter his kingside pawns, in exchange for a certain number of open lines.

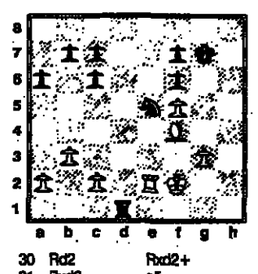
In his exclusive commentaries for *The Times* Kasparov has often criticised Short in past games for his cavalier disregard for the niceties of sound pawn structure. Behind Short's decision to allow his pawns to be wrecked, there may have been a psychological element of taunting the champion.

After 22 moves queens had been exchanged and Kasparov had the advantages of the bishop pair and a more healthy pawn structure. In compensation Short was reasonably well entrenched on the dark squares and had a strong centralised knight.

On move 24 Short stunned the audience, launching an unexpected bishop sacrifice. After a flurry of exchanges, involving further sacrifices by Short, he regained his material plus an extra pawn to emerge into an endgame where only he had winning chances. Nevertheless, Short's extra pawn was counterbalanced by Kasparov's superior pawn structure.

White: Garry Kasparov
Black: Nigel Short
Scotch Opening

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	d4	exd4
4	Nxd4	Bc5
5	Nxc6	Qf6
6	Qd2	dxc6
7	Nc3	Be6
8	Na4	Rd8
9	Bd3	Bd4
10	0-0	a6
11	Nc3	Ne7
12	Ne2	Bb6
13	Qf4	Ng6
14	Qxf6	gxf6
15	Ng3	h5
16	Be2	h4
17	Nf5	Bxf5
18	exf5	Ne5
19	Re1	Kf8
20	Bf4	Rd4
21	g3	Kg7
22	Rad1	Re4
23	Kg2	hxg3
24	hxg3	Bf2
25	Kxf2	Rxh2+
26	Kf1	Rexe2
27	Rxe2	Rh1+
28	Kf2	Rxd1
29	b3	Rd7
30	Rd2	Rxd2+
31	Bxd2	c5
32	Ke3	c6
33	Ke4	c4
34	b4	b5
35	Bf4	Nd7
36	Kd4	Kf8
37	Bc7	Ke7
38	g4	Kf8
39	Bd6+	Kg7
40	Bc7	Kf8
41	a3	Draw agreed



Winning Move, page 44

Jakarta: Anatoly Karpov arrived here yesterday to resume his battle against Jan Timman in the Fide championship. Karpov is leading 7-5 in the series. *(AFP)*

CHRIS HARRIS



Garry Kasparov, centre, with some of the powerful team behind his defence of the world chess championship, from left, Vladimir Dvorkovich, Zourab Azmaiparashvili and Sergei Makarychev

Rethink on child law likely

By Edward Gorman

THE government, facing a barrage of protest from divorced fathers over increased child maintenance payments, admitted for the first time yesterday that changes may be necessary to the operation of the new Child Support Agency.

Alistair Burt, a junior social security minister, ruled out fundamental alteration but admitted that what he called fine-tuning *may be required.*

Mr Burt indicated some sympathy with fathers who are being asked to pay far higher amounts than previously agreed in court settlements. He accepted that there was an argument for phasing in the new higher bills, but pointed out that this presented its own difficulties.

Asked about cases where increases in maintenance *meant a father* could no longer afford to visit his children, Mr Burt said he sympathised with their plight, but again gave no hint of imminent change to the formula.

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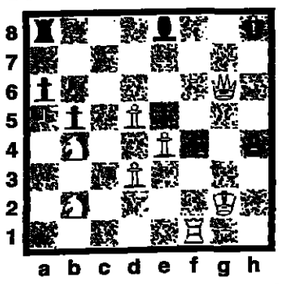
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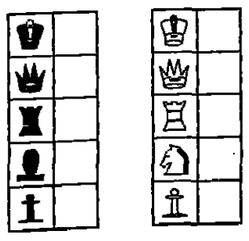
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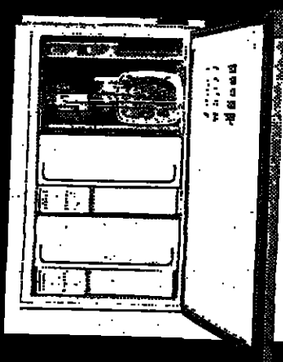


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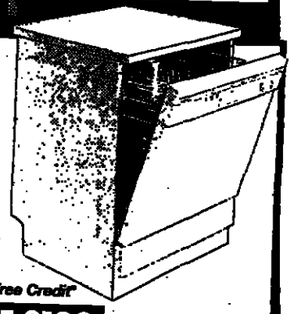


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Victorian legacy of mighty oaks and majestic limes falls prey to cost-cutting by city fathers

Tree decline threatens urban oases

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE size of trees in public places is shrinking as local authorities shun majestic limes, London planes and oaks in favour of shorter species that are cheaper to manage.

In a few decades, the vistas of cities including London, Birmingham and Glasgow will be dramatically changed as the mighty specimens planted by the Victorians die while younger, shorter-growing varieties thrive.

The Countryside Commission said yesterday that action was urgently needed to halt the decline. It wants local authorities and private developers to be encouraged to consider the landscape impact of tree planting on the urban environment. Otherwise, the distinctive character of great streets and thoroughfares including The Mall and Albert Embankment in London could be irreparably damaged.

Marian Spain, the commission's senior countryside officer, said: "A lot of the major trees in London, such as the planes on The Mall, are peaking at the moment. In 50 years they will have disappeared through old age and because pollution causes trees in an urban environment to have shorter lives.

"What worries us is that people are now planting shorter, flowering species and not the big ones. These are appropriate in some places but not everywhere."

The findings, based on a survey of trees in 66 cities and towns, will be disclosed by Tim Yeo, the environment minister, in November. Delegates at a conference at Guildhall in London, called to debate a tree strategy for the capital, said they mirrored findings from a survey of London's trees.

The London survey, carried out by Cobham Resource Consultants for the commission as part of its response to the great storm of 1987, found the capital has up to six million trees and hedges across its boroughs, with 240 different species.

However, the most popular trees are false cherries, *prunus avium*, and cypress, including *leylandii*, which together account for more than a third of all trees.

Yesterday, the commission unveiled its action plan for a leafier London which includes strategies to boost numbers of big trees. It could become a blueprint for other cities, after the publication of the nationwide report. The commissions calls for trees to become central in any planning decision rather than an afterthought.

Traffic calming schemes offered opportunities to plant big species and private developers should be encouraged to set aside space for large trees by making them conditions of planning permission, it says.

Ms Spain said the blueprint would involve the setting up of a London Tree Forum which would press local authorities to draft tree charters.

It would also encourage government bodies such as the transport department, and British Rail and other firms, to plant tree corridors along gateway routes into and across the capital and along railway lines, rivers and canals.

A register will be set up of "premium" trees which are historic or locally distinctive and which are vital for the beauty or character of an area. Examples of these would be a rare Pride of India tree growing on wasteland near the North Circular road and a large willow at a road junction in Barnet which is used by local people to give directions.

Nurseries and garden centres will be urged to keep a better range of locally distinctive trees such as planes and to offer advice on their care and siting.

☐ *Action for London's Trees: Investing in a leafy capital.* (The Countryside Commission: £7.50)

PETER TREVNOR



An oak brings grace and antiquity to Berkeley Square, London; right, wild cherry trees have been planted along the A316 at Richmond, southwest London



Many mail-order fruit plants 'fit only for compost'

BY EDWARD GORMAN

ALMOST one-third of all fruit plants purchased by mail order are in such bad condition that they are fit only for the compost heap, according to a survey published today.

Gardening Which? concluded after a year-long trial that the fruit plant mail-order business, worth millions of pounds a year, was a lottery for customers.

The survey results, disputed by the suppliers, found that more than one-third of plants advertised in national newspapers and gardening magazines were of unacceptable quality or wrongly labelled. Most of the 23 suppliers tested sent many plants fit only for compost.

Raspberries were particularly poor. Nearly half the 1,000 plants bought by researchers were found to be unacceptable because of poor roots and one-third died after planting.

Alistair Ayres, editor of *Gardening Which?*, yesterday attacked the sector of the gardening industry that he said had always been inferior. "We did a survey like this several years ago and we found they are just as awful now as they were then," he said.

"They haven't improved at all. The gardening industry is still about 10 years behind everyone else. It's not deception in any way, it's just poor business. It's time they pulled up their socks."

Mr Ayres said the main problem was that much of stock sent out by suppliers was either too small or had root growth insufficient to enable a healthy plant to develop.

"Gardeners have every right to expect to get what they pay for — they should not accept plants that are poor quality, diseased or dying," he said.

The survey has incensed the industry's leading suppliers who have expressed concern about the methodology used by researchers and are threatening legal action.

Ken Muir is one of several suppliers who received a low rating in the survey. Seven of the nine products he sent researchers were judged to be of poor quality.

He said the results were unjustified and gave a misleading impression to would-be customers. Mr Muir said he was concerned that *Gardening Which?* had refused to disclose the identities of its horticulture experts and would not allow him to see the stock that he had sent them one year after it had been planted.

They did send him photographs, and Mr Muir said independent experts had assured him they showed plants in good condition.

Another supplier to come off badly in the survey is Mr Fothergill's. Gillie Gray, the company's mail-order manager, said her figures show only 0.35 per cent of raspberry orders were found to be unsatisfactory.

She said that did not compare with the poor-quality rating given by *Which?* Ms Gray said that any customer who was not happy with stock could have it replaced at no cost. She said that some mail-order suppliers were given better ratings despite having bought their stock from the same wholesalers.

"Obviously, everyone is welcome to look at the way we are buying, who we are buying from and the quality of the plants we are sending out," Ms Gray said.

Black Tory says no to Cheltenham

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL STAFF

JOHN Taylor, the unsuccessful black Tory candidate at Cheltenham in the last general election, yesterday announced that he would not be seeking to fight the seat again.

Ken Buckland, chairman of the Cheltenham Conservative party, said: "We thought he would stand again. He has not always been complimentary about Cheltenham but we have broad shoulders. We would have welcomed him as a candidate."

Mr Taylor's attempt to become the first Conservative Afro-Caribbean in the Commons provoked a storm in the town after a minority of local Tories tried unsuccessfully to have him dropped as their candidate. At Mr Taylor's adoption meeting, one member called him "a bloody nigger" and said: "We are here to repel the invader."

But it was only after this year's Conservative party conference that Mr Taylor admitted that he thought racism had caused the 5.2 per cent swing to the Liberal Democrats. At Blackpool he spoke out against racism in the Conservative party, saying that he was appalled that there had been people with blue rosettes canvassing against him: "The Conservative party must learn that holding three receptions for Asian millionaires every year does not amount to a race relations policy."

Mr Taylor believes he will be snapped up by another constituency and said that he has already received several requests from other Conservative associations.



Taylor: said racism cost him the seat

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Offences across Britain rose by 6% last year. In Luton, the trend was reversed

Prevention proves better than cure in crime town

Joe Joseph discovers that rethinking a violent, vandalised council estate has transformed the lives of its residents

UNACCUSTOMED as it is to compliments, Luton is sending pulses racing as it bucks the national trend of rising crime. It is proving that Michael Howard's hardline prescription of tougher sentences for young offenders might be a costlier and less effective way of treating the disease than a programme of crime prevention.

"Last year," boasts Chief Superintendent Alan Marlow, commander of the Luton division of Bedfordshire police, "we had a 5.7 per cent reduction in crime, compared to a 6 per cent increase nationally."

Earlier this year, when he was still home secretary, Kenneth Clarke visited Luton and hailed it as "the only place in which crime has come down this year. I'm determined that what's happening in Luton today should happen across the rest of the country."

Some might argue that Luton was so mired in crime — fostered by high unemployment, overcrowding and a throng of single-parent families — that any attempt to tackle the problem would bring an improvement. Even with the progress Luton has made, the probability of being a victim of crime last year was one in 14 nationally, but a grimmer one in seven in Luton. However, the quality of life in what used to be the bleakest quarters of Luton has improved so dramatically that everyone is beginning to sit up and take notice.

> 'What is happening in Luton today should happen across the rest of the country'

One of Luton's showpieces is the Hockwell Ring council estate, a jigsaw of tower blocks and low-rise housing that three years ago was renowned for vandalism, burglary, car thefts, mugging, graffiti, a sordid drinking den, prostitution, and deep despair among its 5,000 residents. Then came some tasteful rebuilding and the installation of security equipment and personnel. The council provided nurseries and community centres. Youths were sucked off the streets and into soccer teams and drama groups. And the rewards? A 50 per cent drop in reported burglaries, capped by a 75 per cent reduction in vandalism.

Pat Dowd has lived on the 14th floor of one of the tower blocks for the past 26 years. "I wouldn't have opened the door to anyone five years ago," she said. "I would now. The improvements the council has made have turned it round. Our car was stolen three times, but not since the surveillance cameras were installed."

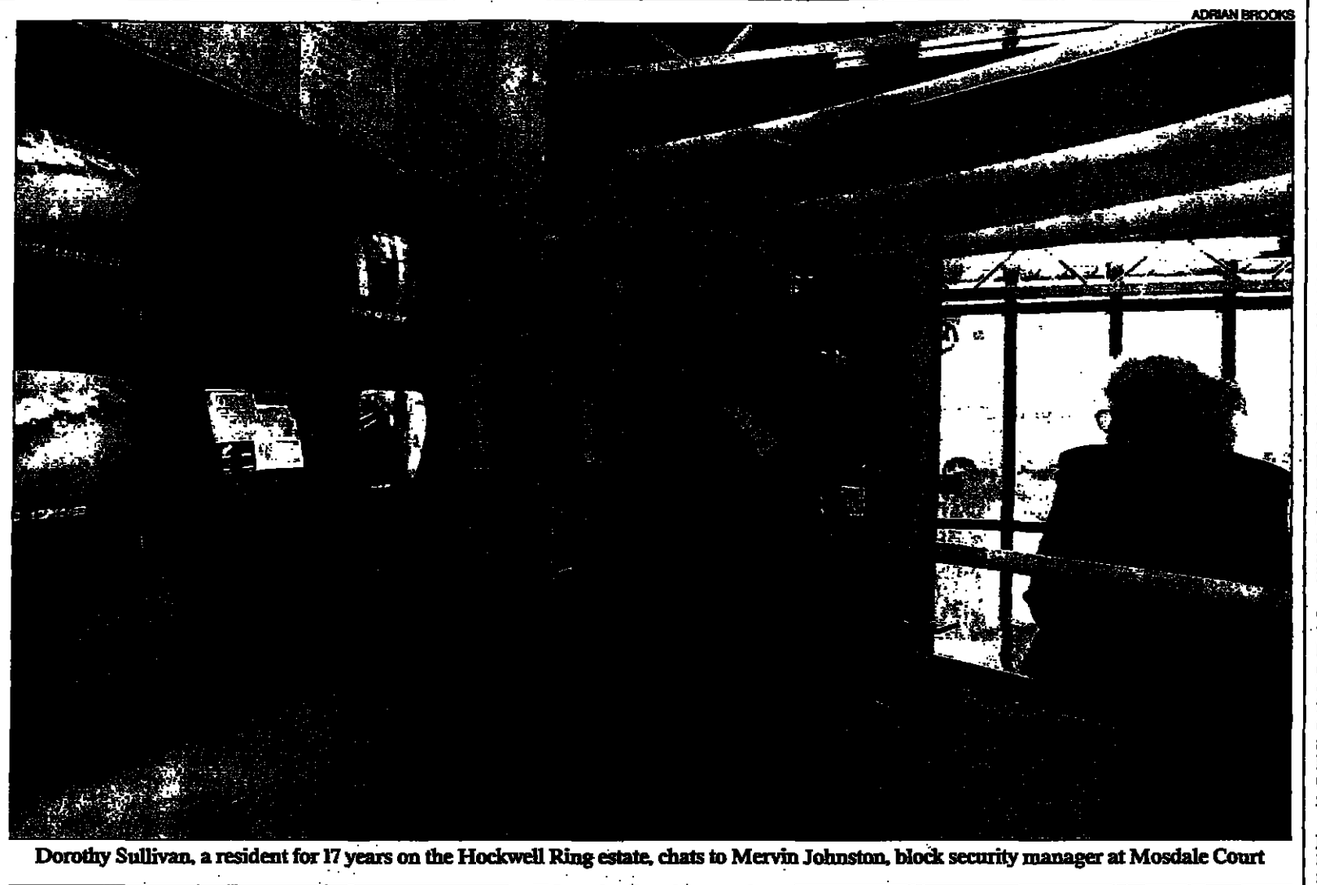
One in five criminals is under 17 and Crime Concern, a government and business-funded body which trumpets the virtues of prevention, is convinced that spending money to stop crimes being committed can be cheaper than clearing up the mess later.

Crime prevention can tackle only so much. "You wouldn't expect prevention measures to impact on serious organised or ruthless crime, like bank robberies," said Chief Supt Marlow. "But there's a whole volume of offences, particularly by youngsters, that are opportunistic, disorganised, that are a product of boredom, poor material conditions, lack of success in school and poor parenting and the sense of alienation that goes with all that. Offenders who dip in and dip out of crime that can be prevented by targeted measures."

Stephen Burke of Crime Concern agreed: "Only two in a hundred offences leads to a conviction. Even if we double that, we would still only be at four out of a hundred. You need to stop people committing crimes in the first place."

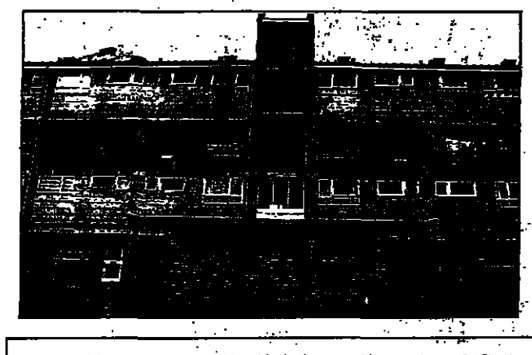
☐ Derbyshire police are recruiting teenagers to join a part-time cadet corps working on crime prevention programmes with police (Stewart Tendler writes).

About 20 cadets, aged 16 to 18, will train one night a week in self-defence and first aid. They will be given uniforms and join Neighbourhood Watch projects, youth clubs and anti-crime campaigns.

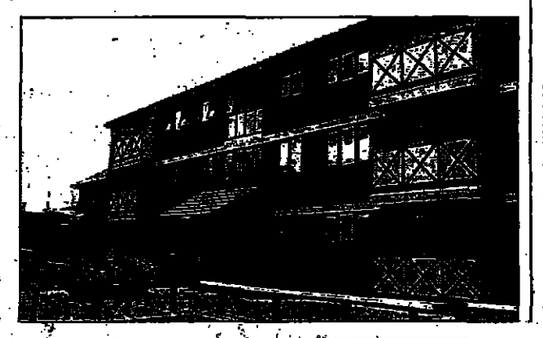


ADRIAN BROOKS

Dorothy Sullivan, a resident for 17 years on the Hockwell Ring estate, chats to Mervin Johnston, block security manager at Mosdale Court



☐ Low-rise housing on the Hockwell Ring estate before its transformation, left, and after. As well as the obvious refurbishment work to the exterior, surveillance cameras, security locks and concierges were installed to improve the quality of life of residents. They had previously had to live with the constant threat of theft, violence and vandalism. Life then, according to one long-term resident, was "dirty lifts, graffiti, noise. The abuse you used to get"



Victorian wonder dye finds its true colours

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

THE purple dye that launched Britain's chemical industry has been trading under a false description for nearly 100 years. The structure long accepted for Perkin's Mauveine, which electrified Victorian society when it appeared in 1856, is wrong.

Professor Otto Meth-Cohn, of Sunderland University, and Mandy Smith, a research student, made the discovery after examining original samples of Mauveine from ICI's archives and the British Museum.

William Perkin, the dye's inventor, had only a rough idea of what he had created by mixing aniline with potassium dichromate. Professor Meth-Cohn believes the incorrect structure was worked out by a German chemist, Gustav Schultz, early this century and found its way into textbooks.

"Now they'll all have to be changed," Professor Meth-Cohn said. "We have shown that it is not a single dye, but a mixture, and neither component has the structure in the textbooks."

The finding is to be published in the *Journal of the Chemical Society*, which in deference to Perkin's role in the industry is also titled *Perkin Transactions*. "The impact of Mauveine was fantastic," Professor Meth-Cohn said. "Victorian women all dressed in purple silk and a stamp, the Penny Purple, was issued. In 1906 the American Chemical Society presented Perkin with a silver service to mark the anniversary. It was engraved with what we now know is the wrong structure."

Right time to root out the bargains

By Robin Young

NEXT week is National Vegetarian Week and supermarket buyers are expecting extra demand for fresh fruit and vegetables and for ready-prepared recipe dishes bearing the green "V" seal of approval as suitable for vegetarians.

The best buy at this time of year has to be root vegetables. Although the recent rain has meant that some are having to be lifted by hand rather than machine, there are plenty to choose from. English parsnips are 25p to 45p a lb, carrots 12p to 25p, and swede 10p to 30p.

Other good buys are English leeks at 40p to 65p a lb. Brussels sprouts at 20p to 35p, and cauliflowers from 30p and 55p each.

English celery, nourished by the recent rain, is 30p to 60p a head and is the pick of salad products this week. Other good buys are cucumbers at 40p to 70p each, Canary Islands tomatoes from 45p to 60p a lb, and round lettuces at 20p to 30p each.

Committed carnivores and game hunters will have noticed that grouse are in short supply this year. In Harrods, birds are £12 each, though other game butchers are selling at £9.50. Safeway has casserole grouse in its game shop range in most stores at £3.99, 50p more than at this time last year.

Best value is British beef, with special offers in many stores. Sirloin steak is down £1 to £4.25 a lb at Sainsbury, while Asda has 60p off fresh braising steak, now £2.49 a lb. Whole and half legs of lamb are also widely on promotion.

There is plenty of seafish and shellfish to choose from, with oil-rich species such as mackerel (90p a lb), sprats (60p) and pilchards (£1.25) especially recommended for health and value for money.

Mussels are plentiful at around £2 for 2kg bags. Native oysters are 50p to 80p each, and small crabs are about £1.60 each cooked. Scallops, scarce last week, are in abundance this week at 60p each, and the smaller amandes clams are about £2.30 a lb.

Cod and haddock fillets are about £3 a lb, and monkfish is in prime condition at this time of year, with tails around £4.80 a lb. Medium-sized skinned wings of top-quality skate are a feature from £2.85 a lb and there is plenty of grey mullet at about £1.90 for a whole fish. One of the less usual fish to try is gurnard, around £1.50 on the bone. Ask the fishmonger to head and skin it, then bake the fish with plenty of seasoning.

For the fruit bowl grapes are the pick of the bunch, with apples, pears, pineapples, pomegranates and kiwi fruit all in good supply at reasonable prices.

Advertised best buys:

☐ **Asda:** fresh best quick-fry steak, £2.49 a lb, unsmoked prime rindless back bacon £1.09 per ½ lb.

☐ **Budgen:** crusty white flute loaves 29p, Windward Isles bananas 25p a lb, fresh rump steak £2.49 a lb, washed English white potatoes 79p for 10 lbs.

☐ **Co-op:** Cherry Valley whole ducks £4.99 each, frozen knuckle-end leg of pork £1.19 a lb, Heinz Big Soups 49p.

☐ **Gateway** and **Somerfield:** Conference pears 19p a lb, loose tomatoes 29p a lb, pomegranates 19p each, fresh British lamb legs £1.68 a lb, pre-sliced smoked Scottish salmon sides £8.99 for 500g pack.

☐ **Harrods:** acorn-fed Iberico ham £16.95 ¼ lb, rainbow trout £1.80 a lb, Chabichou cheese £1.95 a lb, English wet walnuts £6.50 a lb.

☐ **Iceland:** minced steak £2.99 for 2lb 12oz, 6lb to 6½lb chickens £4.49 each, 400g rainbow trout £1.99.

☐ **Safeway:** leg of lamb £1.68 a lb, pork loin steaks £1.98 a lb, unsmoked British middle bacon 98p a lb, British crumbed ham 66p a ¼ lb.

☐ **Sainsbury:** unsmoked bacon shoulder joints 99p a lb, loose Cox's apples 44p a lb, English mature cheddar £1.99 a lb, King Edward potatoes 69p for 2.5kg.

☐ **Tesco:** rump steak £2.98 a lb, whole leg of lamb £1.99 a lb, full flavour cheddar £1.84 a lb, Mississippi catfish fillet with mesquite marinade 99p each.

Strikers to disrupt Booker ceremony

By Alison Roberts
Arts Reporter

BOOKER Prize winners and candidates have been asked to support mushroom pickers sacked by the food company Booker plc by disrupting this year's award ceremony.

Michael Ignatieff, shortlisted for *Scar Tissue*, has written to the head of Booker plc expressing his concern at the plight of the mushroom workers. The writer and broadcaster said that he had received a "courteous" reply from the company. "I do not think it is appropriate to boycott the ceremony, but I am very concerned about the situation," he said. "It puts me in a difficult position."

The dispute began in November 1992 when 89 female workers at Middlebrook Mushrooms, owned by Booker, were dismissed after an overtime ban was imposed following changes to pay and conditions. The Transport and General Workers' Union intends to disrupt the Guildhall prize-giving ceremony this month.

Ten days ago it wrote to prizewinners, publishers, current candidates and the 1,800 members of the Writers' Guild, claiming that the mushroom pickers, who earned £93 a week, were asked to work at weekends for less pay. "The Booker organisation has a direct responsibility to its employees, whose labour has helped build the foundations for 25 years of Booker prize awards," it said in the letter.

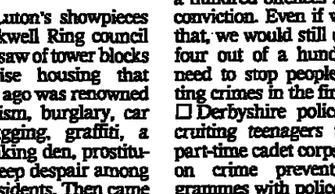
Johnathan Taylor, chairman of Booker plc, said that the dispute was "relatively small with a complex history". The company had spent five months negotiating with no success, he said. Mr Taylor said he had received five letters from writers.

The mushroom pickers, who picket daily at the farm in Whitley Bridge, North Yorkshire, plan to demonstrate outside the award ceremony dressed as slaves — a popular theme at the Booker prize awards. Last year's joint winner *Sacred Hunger*, by Barry Unsworth, was about the slave trade, while *Crossing the River* by Caryl Phillips, on this year's shortlist, is about a family sold into slavery.

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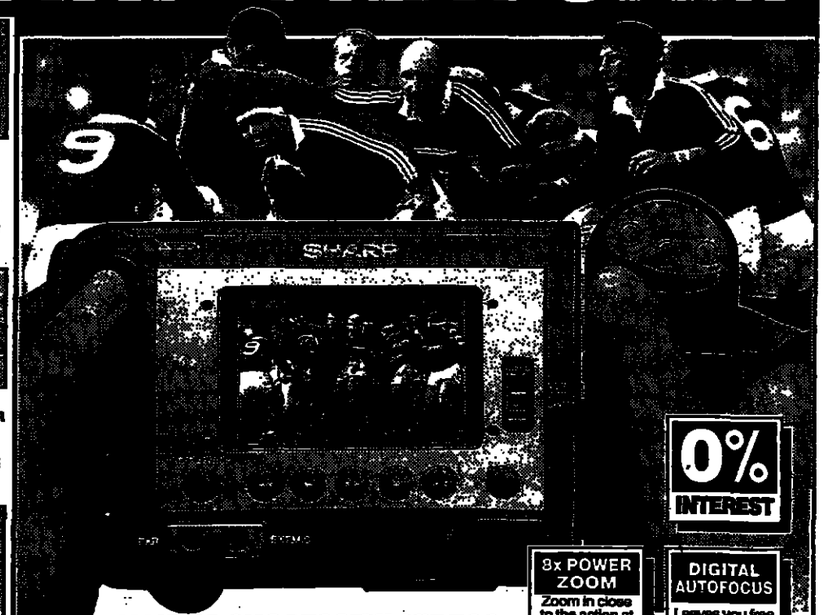
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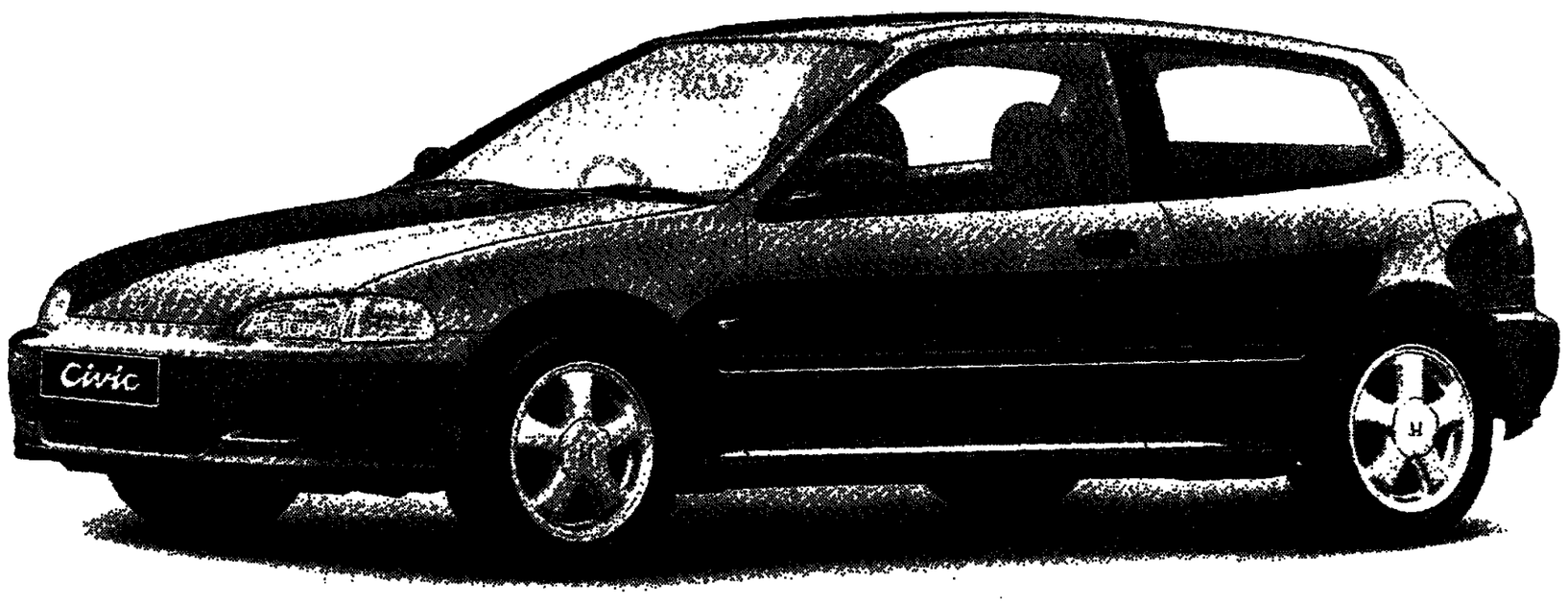
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Littlewoods heir to open art gallery in stately home

One of the finest Grade I listed houses may become the focal point for the country's first purpose-built opera and ballet centre

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

ONE of the country's finest Grade I listed stately homes, unoccupied since the second world war, has been bought on behalf of Peter Moores, the Littlewoods pools heir.

Mr Moores intends to turn Compton Verney house into an art gallery to house part of his private collection. The mansion sits in grounds landscaped by Capability Brown about six miles from Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire.



Moores: expects 100,000 visitors a year to gallery

Mr Moores is the heir of Sir John Moores, the Littlewoods founder who died last month. A spokesman for the Peter Moores Foundation, a charity that has bought the 18th century house on behalf of Mr Moores for an undisclosed sum from developers, emphasised that the foundation's plans for the house were unrelated to attempts to build an opera house in its grounds.

The Compton Verney opera project has been trying to build a £50 million opera and ballet house across the lake from the house for several years but has not received planning permission from the environment department. The department is due to make a decision next year after a public enquiry and objections from residents.

Sir Kenneth Bradshaw, the administrator of the opera project, said he hoped the purchase of the house would help their plans as the two projects would combine to create a cultural centre. The opera project is seeking backing from private and institutional investors for the £40 million building costs and a £10 million endowment fund to underwrite costs. The idea is to create the country's only purpose-built auditorium for both opera and ballet.

Mr Moores hopes to open his gallery within five years. The foundation refused to reveal the exact cost, but said it would run into several million pounds. The costs of setting up the gallery would be funded from Mr Moores' resources, the foundation said. More than 100,000 people a year are expected the visit the gallery.

A team has been assembled to convert the house sensitively. It is thought to have been designed by Sir John Vanbrugh with two wings added by Robert Adam. Capability Brown was also, untypically, the architect of the nearby chapel.

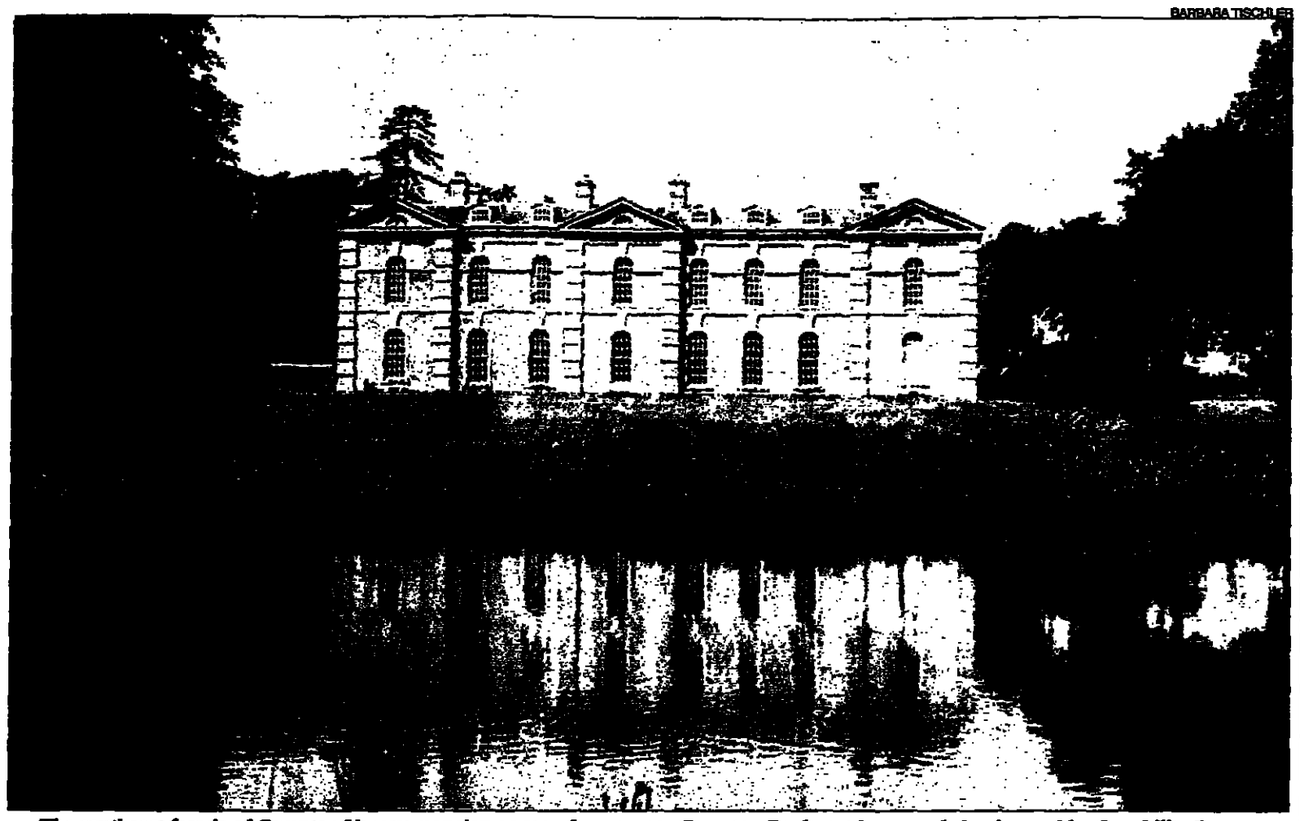
Under the leadership of Alan Swerdlow, the team comprises architects Stanton Williams, conservation architects Rodney Melville & Partners and art consultant Lynne Barcham-Green. The house had previously been owned by the London-based developers and restoration company Period and Country Houses.

Plans to build a 1,150-seat auditorium included the possibility of holding concerts in the house while the theatre was being built. One earlier plan was for the house to be bought by the opera project and let for a peppercorn rent to the opera house developers for concerts and recitals.

Compton Verney was originally the home of the Willoughby de Broke family. It was sold in 1921 and then had a more chequered history. The army moved in during the war and about 3,000 troops were billeted in the house and grounds.

Period and Country Homes recently put forward planning applications for two golf courses and a hotel. The applications were suspended while Stratford District Council considered the opera house plans.

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BARBARA TISCHLER

The southeast facade of Compton Verney mansion as seen from across Compton Pools, set in grounds landscaped by Capability Brown

Old power stations find role in China

BY NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

THREE redundant coal-fired power stations are to be dismantled, shipped to China and reassembled.

Ferrybridge B, Castle Donington and Drakelow B, which came into service in the 1950s, are still in working order but are surplus to the needs of their privatised owner, Powergen. Subject to completion of contracts, the Chinese will buy them for an undisclosed figure.

The only one of the former Central Electricity Generating Board plants still operating is Castle Donington, and its last two generating sets are to be closed next March. Ferrybridge B and Drakelow B closed in October 1992. Collectively, the three plants contain 11 generating sets with a capacity of 1,380 megawatts and include boilers, pumps, transformers and motors.

Castle Donington was commissioned in 1956, Ferrybridge B in 1957, and Drakelow B in 1959.

The old plants are a convenient size for a rapidly developing country and were retired only because modern stations are more efficient. The boilers might be modified to cope with Chinese coal, but the turbogenerators should give many years of service.

British women make big strides in business travel

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

BUSINESSWOMEN are travelling in ever-increasing numbers and spending almost £5 billion a year on fares and expenses, a survey published yesterday has found. Women now make up 23 per cent of business travellers — double that of four years ago.

British companies are more prepared to send women on business trips than any other country in Europe, where the average is 13 per cent, the American Express survey of business travel showed. Spain comes closest with 17 per cent, while Italian businesswomen make up 7 per cent.

The survey also revealed that while European companies are cutting travel budgets, their rivals in Britain are spending 9 per cent more than last year.

By the end of the year, they are expected to have spent £19.2 billion on business travel and related expenses — equivalent to £942 an employee or 6 per cent of their total company costs.

Air travel accounted for the largest share of expenditure at 39 per cent, followed by petrol and milage (18 per cent), hotel bills (16 per cent) and meals (10 per cent). British companies also spent 9 per cent of their total travel budget on entertaining.

Companies in the ten European countries surveyed spent a total of £93 billion (or 4.8 per cent of their total costs) on business travel — well head of America and Japan.

As the Continent sinks into recession, spending is likely to decline — except in Britain and Hungary. Germany is expected to cut business travel expenditure by 6 per cent this year.

☐ A guide to help passengers find their way through the complexities of air travel was launched yesterday in a bid to reduce the increase in complaints.

Flight Plan, published by the Air Transport Users Council, will be distributed free throughout the travel trade and is designed to help passengers avoid expensive mistakes and provide detailed advice about their rights and responsibilities.

The guide has been published after a 10 per cent increase in passenger complaints in the past year. Cancellations and delays caused the most complaints — 1,116 in the year ending September 30. All complaints to the council are passed on to the relevant airlines.

Dr Norman Nicholson, the council's chairman, said that many travel problems resulted from misunderstandings. "One rule of thumb often overlooked is that the cheaper the air fare the more restrictive the conditions," he said.

Charity offers help to whistleblowers

EMPLOYEES who want to inform on illegal or dangerous practices at work will be given help by a group formed today.

Public Concern At Work is offering free legal advice to anyone worried by malpractices but who fears being victimised if they blow the whistle.

Sir Gordon Borrie, chairman of the group's trustees, said at the launch in London: "Time and again official enquiries into scandals, disasters and tragedies show that they could have been avoided if employees had spoken up, or if those in charge had addressed the concerns of staff when they were raised."

Sometimes, he said, employees' concerns went unheard because employers had no mechanism to listen to employees' complaints, or because they fell into "an administrative black hole".

Sir Gordon, former Director-General of Fair Trading, said the group would not take over a complaint, but it could give employees confidential legal advice about the most effective way of raising an issue.

The group, which has charity status, also aims to "break down the barriers that distance employers from the legitimate concerns of their employees", Sir Gordon said.

The telephone number of Public Concern At Work is 071-404 6609.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Teenager's injuries a mystery

A teenager was critically ill last night, two days after being found unconscious beside a road. Detectives are unsure whether he was the victim of an assault or an accident.

Justin Dookey, 19, was found near his home in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, on Tuesday night. His family are with him in hospital. Police said: "He is in a very bad way but we have no idea how he came to be like this." They are appealing for witnesses.

Driver jailed

John D'Haese, 45, of Nottingham, was jailed for 18 months and banned from driving for six years for causing the death of his wife, their unborn child and a neighbour in a crash.

Boy drowns

Neil Cameron, 8, drowned during a swimming gala for *National Asthma Week* at Kings Hall Leisure Centre pool in Hackney, east London.

Out of luck

Jonathan Edwards, 20, of Old Colwyn, Clwyd, was fined £100 for shoeing a trotting horse at a racetrack without being a registered farrier.

Dog attack

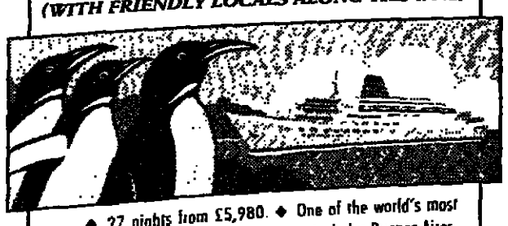
Nathan Dearn, 2, of Smethwick, West Midlands, broke a thigh after being attacked by his family's dobermann.

Police theft

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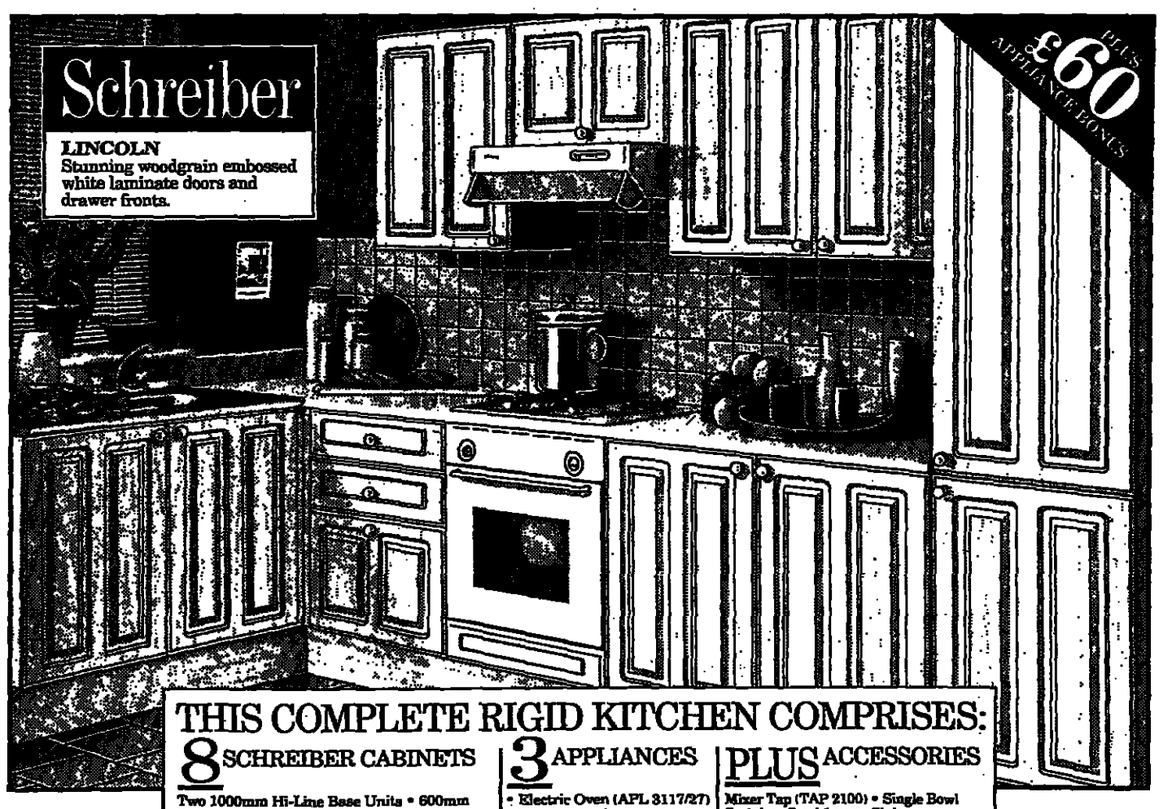
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Port-au-Prince faces naval blockade as international pressure pays off in Somalia

Haiti junta digs in to defy threat of sanctions by UN

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN PORT-AU-PRINCE AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

HAITI'S military strongmen yesterday looked determined to wreck a UN-brokered accord on restoring democracy to the Caribbean nation.

The UN Security Council gave Haiti's military until 4 am (GMT) on Tuesday to comply with the peace deal or face a renewal of the oil embargo and asset freeze imposed in June, but suspended in August after the military agreed to accept the return of the ousted president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Though appearing conciliatory, General Raoul Cedras, the army chief, strongly suggested he would not resign today, as required by the accord. He set new conditions for allowing Mr Aristide, Haiti's first democratically elected president, to return from exile on October 30 that independent observers dismissed as stalling tactics.

Michel François, the ruthless Port-au-Prince police chief who is also supposed to resign today, declared he would never voluntarily give up power. His supporters promised to enforce a general strike from Monday unless a UN mission left and Robert Malval, the interim president overseeing the transition, stepped down.

Another sign that the accord was in deep trouble was the departure of 51 Royal Canadian Mounted Police who had arrived last week and were supposed to retrain Haiti's notoriously ruthless police force. There are still 46 American soldiers in Port-au-Prince awaiting instructions from Washington, and there are reports of mounting aggression by anti-Aristide forces toward UN human rights monitors in other parts of the country.

How long Haiti's military regime could survive a new oil-and-arms embargo is unclear. US officials believe it has stockpiled three to six months' supply of oil, but are confident that the sanctions would ultimately succeed. They say the previous embargo was mainly responsible for General Cedras signing the accord in July. Diplomats in New York said that the US Navy was expected to mount a naval and air blockade in the coming days to enforce the renewed sanctions.

In the slums of the capital yesterday, ordinary Haitians greeted news of the new sanctions sceptically. They are the first to suffer from any embargo, a price they are prepared to pay to see Mr Aristide return. But having seen sanctions imposed, lifted, then imposed again, they question whether America and the UN are really prepared to make them work.

The latest sanctions differ from earlier ones only in that they do not freeze the assets of the constitutional government set up under the peace accord, headed by Mr Malval. Fuel for cooking or humanitarian



Madeleine Albright: pressing for change

purposes is exempt from the ban. The last sanctions all but killed off what remained of Haiti's hand-to-mouth economy. An estimated 40,000 jobs were destroyed, with each job providing a living for five to ten people. Most American-owned assembly factories, located in Haiti to take advantage of the country's cheap labour, have fled to Costa Rica, which combines low wages with stable politics.

General Cedras told reporters he was sorry a ship carrying 200 military personnel was prevented from docking in Port-au-Prince on Monday, but insisted that the troops were violating the accord by carrying M16 assault rifles. He called them an occupation force and the armed thugs controlled by the military, who barricaded the harbour, "patriots".

He said that he still supported the accord, but the Haitian parliament had to enact a law providing an amnesty for himself and other coup leaders before he would step down, and he wanted another law separating Haiti's armed forces from the police. This would take time, and Haitian political experts and anti-Aristide forces in the National Assembly camps might block those measures.

The United States appears to have little knowledge of the inner workings of the 7,000-strong Haitian army. Outwardly General Cedras, a career officer with a jutting chin who received American military training, appears to be a reasonable, soft-spoken, almost moderate figure, certainly compared with Mr François. It is thought that he was forced to go along with the 1991 coup after it was initiated by lower-ranking officers, and it was General Cedras who managed to have Mr Aristide exiled instead of being killed.

However, US diplomats have little idea now whether General Cedras is determined to destroy the accord or whether he is again being driven by officers below him who fear the retribution of Aristide supporters.

Madeleine Albright, the US ambassador at the United Nations, said Washington was ready to press for democratic change in "every manner possible, short of an armed intervention that no one wants".

Clinton showdown, page 1



Michael Durant, the US Army helicopter pilot freed by Somali forces yesterday, is carried away on a stretcher

Aidid emerges from hiding to let two Mogadishu hostages go free

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

■ Encouraged by America's decision to negotiate a peace rather than wage a war, Somalia's fugitive warlord is staking his claim for a key role in the political process

THE two hostages held by General Muhammad Farrah Aidid's militia in Mogadishu were freed yesterday after diplomatic pressure from Ethiopia, the United States and Eritrea, backed by a huge build-up of American troops in the Somali capital.

General Aidid, the fugitive Somali warlord for whom the US and the United Nations had launched a manhunt, emerged from four months in hiding to announce the release of Mike Durant, 32, the American pilot, and Umar Shantali, 22, a Nigerian private.

The warlord said that no conditions had been set for their release, but both UN and US officials hinted that they expected some of General Aidid's aides, detained by the UN, to be freed.

General Aidid, looking confident and dapper in a red-and-white tie and striped shirt, said that he had heard from President Meles of Ethiopia that he was "doing his best" to secure the release of his supporters and leaders. "I am confident that this will happen as soon as possible."

Mr Shantali and Chief Warrant Officer Durant were driven in a convoy organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross to its compound. Doctors said later that the American suffered a broken nose, leg and back, but had been well cared for by Somali doctors who had given him antibiotics and put his leg in a splint. He is to be flown today to a US military hospital in Germany, where he will be reunited with his wife.

Although Admiral Jonathan Howe, the head of the UN operation in Somalia who had issued the arrest warrant for General Aidid, maintained that the order was still active, it was clear that the UN had given up the manhunt for the time being. "We want to sit down with his representatives to work out a way to solve this peacefully," he said.

Yesterday a member of the Greek contingent serving here was killed when gunmen attacked a food convoy. Clashes with the Aidid militia have left about 700 Somalis and 70 peacekeeping troops dead.

At his press conference, General Aidid said that the UN had "never come close to me" in its air and ground searches for him since June. He read a statement welcoming the American decision to talk rather than fight.

General Aidid said: "There is no reason to exclude me from the political process in the future." He added that he would continue to hide until the arrest order was lifted.

NEWS IN B

Israel to consider prisoner release

Taba: Israeli and Palestinian negotiators wrapped up their first round of talks in this Egyptian resort yesterday, pledging to resolve the thorny issue of Palestinians imprisoned and deported by Israel (Richard Beeston writes).

Nabil Shaath, leader of the Palestinian delegation, said the two sides had achieved more in a few hours than Israeli and Palestinian negotiators had managed in two years of bilateral talks.

As a first step to improving relations a "confidence building measures committee" was established that will meet for the first time next week. "We agreed on the subcommittee for prisoners and detainees and deportees," said Mr Shaath, whose public appearances with his Israeli counterpart, Major General Amnon Shahak, were characterised by smiles and handshakes.

The negotiators agreed to make a priority the fate of some 11,000 Palestinian prisoners held in Israeli jails and detention camps and about 2,000 Palestinian deportees. The Palestinians want a "blanket amnesty". Israel is ready to begin releasing the bulk of the prisoners, but is reluctant to free those convicted of violent crimes and members of radical groups who have vowed to destroy the peace agreement.

Tax relief

New York: After three decades of conflict between American tax authorities and the Los Angeles-based Church of Scientology, the US government has agreed to award charitable (tax-exempt) status to the religious empire founded by L. Ron Hubbard.

Rushdie call

Copenhagen: Salman Rushdie has called for a complete European boycott of Iran, blaming it for the wounding of William Nygaard, the Norwegian who published his novel *The Satanic Verses*, in a gun attack in Oslo. Iran has denied involvement.

Patten relents

Hong Kong: In an unexpected concession to China, Chris Patten, the governor of Hong Kong, offered to consider separately the issues of local council elections, reforms and legislative polls at talks scheduled to be held in Peking next week. *(Reuter)*

Torture alleged

London: North Korea has tortured or executed thousands of people during the past 30 years and detained tens of thousands more, including prisoners of conscience, according to Amnesty International. *(Reuter)*

Rebels to meet

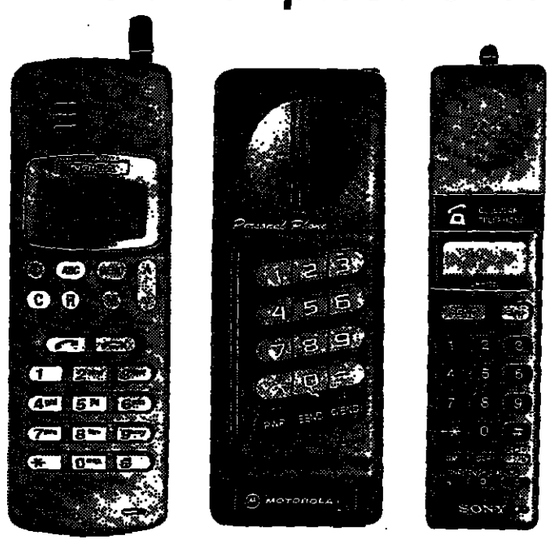
Cairo: More than 800 delegates of Sudan's rebel People's Liberation Army and its political wing, the Liberation Movement, are expected to attend their first convention in a decade in a "liberated zone" of southern Sudan. *(AFP)*

Love potion

Stockholm: A Swedish firm has bottled a new secret formula to increase sexual potency — a slice of reindeer horn marinated in vodka. It hopes "Blood Horn Vodka" will whet a particular Asian thirst for love potions. *(Reuter)*

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Indians die fleeing from train

Bombay: An enquiry was ordered yesterday after 23 women died when they leapt from a commuter train they thought was on fire and were struck by a train travelling in the opposite direction. Seven others were injured badly.

The accident, in the Bombay suburb of Borivli, occurred during an electric storm on Wednesday evening. Railway officials said lightning may have panicked commuters into thinking there was a fire on the "ladies special" train.

The lights went out in the carriage. Some passengers said they had seen smoke, but after inspection a short circuit was ruled out. A railway official said: "There was a stampede from the back of the carriage and women were just pushed on to the tracks." The oncoming train scythed through them, leaving bodies strewn across the tracks. *(Reuter)*

Troops abandon earthquake zone

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN KHILARI

THE army pulled out of earthquake-devasted areas of Maharashtra, in western central India, yesterday, leaving thousands of bodies to rot in the debris of destroyed villages.

Chaos has followed tragedy. International aid sent to India within days of the earthquake on September 30 is trapped in a bureaucratic maze. All the survivors have seen of foreign assistance is a small number of tents, blankets and plastic water containers.

The survivors were stunned by the army's exodus, which came two weeks after the government pledged to put relief operations on a war footing. Convoys a mile long carried away cranes, bulldozers and thousands of men. It ended the military's largest peaceful mobilisation.

S. D. Padsalgi, the headman of Khilari, which was wiped out by the earthquake, sought an explanation from army officers. "We have been ordered to leave," one told him. "Our job is finished."

Mr Padsalgi pleaded with him: "There are homeless people without even a tent for protection. They are reduced to begging. Many people are hungry. You are still needed." His words were lost in the roar of engines.

"Only 400 families have received tents. Some people are living in the open. Six thousand people were killed in Khilari and half are still lying in the mud. The army should get them out. We also need the soldiers to keep law and order. The police cannot cope."

The army has erected 16-berth military tents and barrack-sized tin huts. The monsoon has not relented since the day of the earthquake. The camps are ankle-deep in mud. Nothing is dry.

American animal-lovers fight for life of dog on death row

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

In a bizarre canine parody of the real American judicial system, a dog from New Jersey has spent the last 1,000 days on death row while his case has passed slowly and expensively thorough the courts.

Back in December 1990, Taro, a pet Akita of hitherto unblemished character and no previous convictions, was accused of biting a ten-year-old girl on the lip. Under New Jersey's "vicious dog" law, the dog was tried and sentenced to death.

But Taro's owners, Lonnie and Sandy Lehrer, appealed against the ruling by a local court, which was first upheld by the Superior Court before moving on to an appeals court that is currently debating the fate of the accused five-year-old hound. Like similar cases in the human world, the long legal process is proving wildly expensive, and the costs of prosecuting, defending and incarcerating Taro in an air-conditioned cell at Bergen County Jail, have already exceeded $100,000.

The Lehrers' home town of Haworth, New Jersey (pop. 3,400) is bitterly divided over the case. Many tax-payers resent paying for Taro's upkeep and prosecution, and feel he should be humanely executed as soon as possible. But others argue that Taro has served enough jail time already and should be allowed to go home.

"It's all so absurd," Haworth resident Marilyn Dzamba told *The New York Times*. "You've got hardened criminals getting out on rape and robbery in less time than the dog's been in jail." Meanwhile, Mr and Mrs Lehrer and their lawyers claim Taro is a victim of a biased justice system and that his conviction was based on insufficient evidence.

They say he did not take a bite out of Brie Halfond, but merely swiped her with a paw, in a perfectly friendly way, accidentally cutting her lip with a claw. The governor of New Jersey, Jim Florio, is now likely to be dragged into the case. If the death sentence is upheld once more, Taro's supporters plan to petition the governor for a pardon. Governor Florio, who is in the middle of a fight to retain his post, with elections to be held next month, has not ruled out making such a gesture.

An important new recruit to the "Taro is Innocent" campaign is New Jersey Assemblyman Joseph Azzolina, who was the sponsor of the vicious dog law in the first place, but now says that it was specifically aimed at pit bulls and that it has been wrongly applied to Taro.

Taro, needless to say, has displayed a singular lack of concern over his legal ordeal, despite the fact that the menu for his final meal (Purina Pro Plan dog food) has already been decided.

Thirty-four convicts have been executed in the US so far this year, compared with 31 for the whole of 1992. Most of these cases have attracted a fraction of the attention and concern that has been lavished on this condemned canine.

"The executions are happening so rapidly now, nobody's taking much notice," said Jim O'Dea, director of the Washington Office of Amnesty International.

But it's a different matter when the death sentence is for a dog.

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ANC supporters demand that freed Gaye Derby-Lewis return to Australia

Right-wingers guilty of Hani murder

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

JANUSZ Walus, 38, a Polish immigrant to South Africa, and Clive Derby-Lewis, 57, a prominent right-winger and a member of the now defunct President's Council, were yesterday both found guilty of murdering Chris Hani, the general secretary of the South African Communist Party, in the Rand Supreme Court.

Derby-Lewis's wife Gaye, 54, a former Australian nun and also a hardline rightist, was cleared of all charges and allowed to go free. Limpho Hani, the murdered man's widow, was in court to hear the verdict and before the they were announced was escorted through the well of the court by African National Congress officials so that she could get a good look at her husband's killers.

Justice C. F. Eloff, the judge-president of Transvaal, said in his summation that the case against Walus was overwhelming. He went out of his way to praise the "courage and public spiritedness" of the first prosecution witness, Rethe Harmse, a young housewife who saw the shooting, and then reversed her car towards Walus's car so that she could note the number plate. But for her, the judge said, Walus would probably not have been arrested.

The judge referred to "exhibit 2", a Z88 semi-automatic pistol, which forensic evidence determined was the murder weapon. It was found in Walus's car and had been stolen from Pretoria's air force headquarters and passed to Derby-Lewis.

Derby-Lewis had a silencer fitted to the gun by an armourer in Cape Town. The silencer was also retrieved from Walus's car after the killing. Mr Eloff asked why, if there was an innocent explanation for giving the gun to Walus, Derby-Lewis did not give it in court.

The total effect of all these circumstances, the judge said, was that "an inference can and must be drawn that he handed over the gun knowing full well what the objective was and to what purpose it would be put". Derby-Lewis "knowingly, and by virtue of a conspiracy with accused number one [Walus], actively promoted the assassination of the deceased".



African National Congress protesters shouting and waving a poster of Chris Hani outside the Supreme Court in Johannesburg yesterday



Clive Derby-Lewis, who was found guilty, and his wife Gaye, who was acquitted of killing Chris Hani, general secretary of the South African Communist Party

There is no jury trial in South Africa, but the judge sat with two assessors, both lawyers, to help him reach the unanimous verdicts. The assessors were Willem van der Linde, a senior advocate who last week appeared in court on behalf of *Hustler* magazine, and D. R. Lambson, a retired magistrate. Sentence will be passed at a later date.

When it came to Mrs Derby-Lewis, the judge said that the case against her depended entirely on a so-called hit-list, which was found in Walus's flat and which she admitted had been drawn up at her request by a right-wing journalist. Mr Eloff said she had not told the truth about the reason for compiling the list, which included the names and addresses of nine people, including Nelson Mandela, president of the ANC, Joe Slovo, the chairman of the South African Communist Party, as well as Hani. It also contained the names and addresses of three journalists and Justice Richard Goldstone, who heads a commission of enquiry into incidents of violence and intimidation.

"It seems to me," the judge said, "that her explanations are far-fetched and fanciful in the extreme." Nevertheless, in giving his verdict, he said the state had not proved its case against her and she could have been lying to protect someone else. "Her husband," he suggested, "or somebody else."

Walus and Derby-Lewis were cleared of conspiring to murder the other eight people whose names were on the list. They were both convicted of illegally possessing the murder weapon and Derby-Lewis was convicted of illegally having ammunition for the gun.

After the verdicts were given, the court resumed to hear evidence in mitigation of sentence. The first to give evidence was Walus's elder brother, Witold, who said the families had suffered under communism, beginning with their maternal grandmother, who was caught up in the Bolshevik revolution of 1917.

Outside the court Mrs Hani told reporters: "The viper Gaye is out. It means our people are not safe. As far as I'm concerned, Gaye is the mastermind. The other two men looked stupid."

Matthew Phosa, the ANC's top legal official, told the crowd: "Walus has been found guilty of murder. I say hang him. Clive Derby-Lewis has been acquitted of all charges. I say, because she's an Australian, she must go back to Australia."

Tokyo Sexwale, the local regional leader of the ANC, told the crowd: "They will serve their sentences in prison under a new government. When the ANC government comes to power, it has got its first two prisoners."

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Sioux take legal trail to gain custody of child

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

A four-year-old half-Indian boy is at the centre of a bitter child custody battle between the Oglala Sioux of South Dakota and a white Mormon couple from Idaho who have raised him since birth as their only child.

In recent months, America has agonised over a series of custody disputes, from the case of "Baby Jessica", the two-year-old returned to her biological parents, to that of Kimberly Mays, the teenager swapped at birth who sued to "divorce" her natural parents. But the fierce conflict over the fate of Casey Swenson has the added, and highly charged, factors of race and history.

Casey's white mother gave him up for adoption the day he was born in September 1989. His father, a full-blooded Oglala Sioux, called Jeffrey Not Help Him, has never seen the child and did not sue for custody.

But four years after the birth, members of the Sioux tribe are insisting that the child be returned to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to be raised according to tribal customs. Under the 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act, native American tribes have a pre-emptive right to adopt children of direct Indian descent.

The law was passed at a time when thousands of Indian children — some say as many as 30 per cent — were being taken from reservations on the grounds that poverty, alcoholism or drug abuse had rendered their biological parents unfit for custody — a process which the tribes considered "cultural genocide".

The case represents a clash between two of America's most cherished legal principles: protecting the best interests of the child in custody feuds, and defending the rights of the indigenous minority. The boy's adoptive parents, Leland and Karla Swenson, insist that taking Casey from the couple's rural dairy farm in Idaho and thrusting him into an alien Indian culture "would destroy him".

But Mr Not Help Him's sister, Marie, wants to adopt the child and insists he should be brought up understanding the Indian culture that is his birthright. She may have the letter of the law on her side, since only one parent needs to be part of a tribe for a child to be recognised as Indian. The boy was formally enrolled as a tribal member in June last year.

But the behaviour of Mr Not Help Him, a police officer on the reservation, may support the Swensons' case. Mr Not Help Him, who has several other children, has never expressed a desire to raise the child, and the Swensons' lawyer claims he "totally abandoned" both mother and child when he learnt of the pregnancy.

Marie Not Help Him, the boy's aunt and would-be mother, is a founder of the Lost Bird Society, an Indian cultural self-defence group, and she has drawn many tribal members to her support. Lost Bird was the name given to an Indian girl found beside the body of her mother, who had been slaughtered with 200 other Indians by US troops at the Battle of Wounded Knee in 1890. The child was raised by whites, but remained deeply unhappy. Her body was returned to the Pine Ridge reservation two years ago.

The Swenson case has passed through four Idaho courts. Last week the Supreme Court refused to hear it and sent it back to an Idaho district court, where a judge will deliver a verdict next Monday.


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Kohl dodges trade crossfire between the US and France

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

The German chancellor is shunning the role of mediator as the Gatt deadline nears. Yet he has been forced into using strong words to bring the French into line

HELMUT Kohl, the German chancellor, will not act as a mediator between France and the United States over trade, his officials made clear yesterday, as a second day of EC-US talks in Brussels showed few signs of progress.

The announcement from the chancellors' office that Herr Kohl had never meant to suggest that he make peace between Paris and Washington reflects Bonn's horror of being caught in the crossfire. With 63 days left to complete an 111-nation General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, for which negotiations have already taken seven years, France is still playing for time with a barrage of complaints about American intransigence on subjects ranging from films to multilateral trade rules.

Worries about French threats of veto still sour the mood. Gérard Longuet, the French trade minister, came to Brussels last night for a hastily arranged dinner with Mickey Kantor, the chief American trade negotiator.

Herr Kohl is probably the only leader who can stand up to French threats to wreck an agreement. British officials decided some time ago that they had little direct leverage over France on trade and have settled for exerting indirect pressure through the Germans. As the December 15 deadline for a deal approaches, Germany is using carrots and sticks to bring France into line.

The German leader, making his first address to the French senate on Wednesday, emphasised the Franco-German friendship, but put a sting in his speech. "It would be a fatal error to believe that West Europeans could benefit from withdrawing from competition by shutting off their markets," Herr Kohl said. He called on France to "resist the temptation of protectionism".

By the chancellor's standards, this was strong language. Herr Kohl nearly derailed the talks himself in August by a brief but potent statement of sympathy for French worries over an EC-US deal last year on cutting farm subsidies. Only a few weeks ago he told his cabinet of the desolation and strife which would ruin several areas of France if subsidy-reduction agreements were not amended. He has told associates that he did not believe in the December 15 deadline for the Gatt agreement and that its alleged economic benefits were much exaggerated.

Herr Kohl has turned up the heat in public because his Christian Democratic Union and its Free Democratic Party coalition partners face a series of elections over the next year and their standing in the polls is poor. The Free Democrats, led by Klaus Kinkel, the foreign minister, count many businessmen among their supporters and are constantly lobbying Herr Kohl not to indulge French delaying tactics.

His officials are convinced that France's hesitations are caused by divisions inside the political parties of the right and that France's power as an exporting nation needs a new trade treaty. German officials have begun to echo British hints that serious trouble will hit the European Community if the trade talks collapse. "There will be no Gatt deal without France but there will be no Franco-German axis without Gatt," said one.



Flooded St Mark's Square tempted a woman to go swimming in Venice yesterday

Anti-flood plans adrift as waters invade Venice

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SIRENS wailed in Venice yesterday as half the city was submerged by the first *acqua alta* of the autumn and Venetians learnt that anti-flooding defences will not be completed until 2002.

The high water reached 4.2ft above sea level in the oldest parts of the city, including St Mark's Square and the Rialto district, which could only be passed in waders or along specially erected duckboards. By 10am the water had subsided.

In February 1992 the chairman of a consortium of 21 state-owned and private companies commissioned by the government to safeguard Venice said it should be able to finish its task by the year 2000. However, he said meeting this target depended on the 2,200 billion lire (£1.1 billion) earmarked by parliament being allocated to the consortium, the Veneto region and Venice's city council.

The ministry of public works confirms the money was made available. But yesterday Giovanni Mazzacurati, the consortium's chief engineer, predicted the scheme would not be ready before 2002. He blames the delay on the lack of further finance from Rome.

It is also claimed that the change of timetable is the result of objections by the environmental lobby to the scheme's emphasis on a system of tidal barriers at each of the three openings to the lagoon. The environmentalists, led by the pressure group Italia Nostra, argue that the barriers in themselves may be ineffective.

In particular, Italia Nostra wants the government to stop oil tankers travelling through the lagoon to the huge industrial complex of Porto Marghera on the mainland shore facing Venice. Early this year Carlo Ripa di Meana, then environment minister, concerned by the example of the Shetland Islands oil spill, supported the environmentalists. Valdo Spini, his successor, and the ministry of public works are considering plans to pipe oil to Marghera from Trieste or Ravenna.

Meanwhile, the plan to build 80 tidal barriers across the lagoon appears to have been put on hold. Statistically, the risk of a repeat of the 1966 floods that poured into shops, homes, churches and museums is relatively low. "High water like that of 1966 can happen once every 200 years," Signor Mazzacurati said, emphasising the need for patient planning.

Paris turns down Nato invitation

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE French yesterday turned down an invitation to attend a Nato defence ministers' meeting next week, a meeting intended as a breakthrough in forging closer links with France.

The invitation had been sent by Germany, host of the informal meeting at Travemünde. It would have been the first time the French had attended a Nato defence ministers' meeting since leaving the alliance in 1967.

German officials were optimistic that François Léotard, the French defence minister, would come, and tentative arrangements had been made to include them in the discussions. British diplomatic sources said: "There was real hope that the French would go."

The French were told it was to be an informal meeting, providing a chance for a free exchange of views on the way ahead for Nato. One of the items on the agenda is the possible expansion of the membership with countries from East Europe. Peacekeeping is also to be discussed.

The new French government has been making positive noises about closer links with Nato, and alliance defence ministers had been waiting expectantly for a reply to the German invitation.

The French government is working on a defence white paper that will lay out the country's new approach to European security structures, including its proposed relations with Nato. The document will not be ready until next March, but an interim report is expected to be produced in time for the Nato heads of government summit in Brussels in January, which will be attended by President Mitterrand and Edouard Balladur, the French prime minister.

Alliance sources said it seemed that the French were reluctant to attend their first defence ministers' meeting before they had completed their review of security policy. The French have been showing greater enthusiasm for Nato recently, although there has been no suggestion that they would seek a return to full integration with the military structure.



Dimitra Liani-Papandreou: overseeing security

Mrs Papandreou walks into top job

FROM MALCOLM BRABANT IN ATHENS

RIGHT-WING Athenian newspapers had a field day yesterday as the wife of Andreas Papandreou, the Greek prime minister, took over her husband's private office.

Eleftheros Typos plastered the title "Chief Executive" across its front page, claiming that "Mimi" was now on the throne and effectively running the show. *Apogevmatini*, another supporter of the defeated conservative New Democracy party, said that Dimitra Liani-Papandreou's key post now made her "supra-prime minister".

The controversy made it a difficult debut for the new government spokesman, Evangelos Venizelos, who had intended to concentrate on the serious business of protesting about China's recognition of the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia — the first permanent member of the United Nations Security Council to do so.

Mr Venizelos said that Mrs Liani-Papandreou's role would be largely secretarial, controlling the prime minister's diary and overseeing his security arrangements. "She had to have a post near the prime minister, without this implying interference in the cabinet structure," he said.

But this will not convince those who believe Mrs Papandreou, 38, will wield undue influence over her 74-year-old husband.

There is, for instance, a suspicion that Mrs Liani-Papandreou is behind the failure of one of Pasok's most able women, Vasso Papandreou, to be given a cabinet post.

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Newspaper ban leaves Kremlin clear field in elections

Yeltsin decree silences voice of opposition

BY ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

IN A fresh move to consolidate the power of President Yeltsin's administration, the information ministry yesterday banned 15 opposition newspapers and a television programme. The actions were denounced as illegal by opposition journalists and have also caused unease among some Western observers.

In a separate development, Tass news agency reported that Mr Yeltsin was considering holding a referendum on a new Russian constitution to coincide with December's parliamentary elections. The drafting of a new constitution to replace the existing modified Soviet one had been previously held up by the parliamentary opposition.

The Interfax news agency reported that a Kremlin administrator had taken control of the local council in Kuzbass, the key Siberian mining basin, which had disobeyed Mr Yeltsin's order to soviets to disband voluntarily.

In a move to strengthen Mr Yeltsin's chances in the elections, Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, publicly backed him yesterday, saying that he saw no other candidate for the presidency. Speaking to Afghan war veterans, he thanked them for helping the government during the armed uprising in Moscow, and added that Mr Yeltsin was the only man who could lead the country out of crisis.

General Nikolai Golushko, the security minister in charge of the former KGB, called yesterday for "constant monitoring" of political groups in the wake of the October 3 uprising. His deputy, Sergei Stepashin, demanded more firepower for security ministry forces, which he said had been reduced too far to provide adequate protection.



Grachev: only Yeltsin can save the country

Most of the newspapers banned yesterday had been suspended under the state of emergency declared last week. Although this regime is expected to be lifted at the weekend, Mr Yeltsin is determined not to allow the hardliners a key voice during the election campaign.

Two other papers, *Prawda* and *Sovetskaya Rossiya*, have been told to dismiss their editors as a precondition for resuming publication. The staff of *Sovetskaya Rossiya* yesterday rejected the order.

A ministerial statement accused the banned papers of helping to organise the uprising. The television programme, *Six Hundred Seconds*, broadcast in St Petersburg had been taken off the air by the local authority.

The latest decree has disturbed Russian journalists and Western observers who see it as evidence of authoritarianism. It also violates Russia's existing laws on press freedom, which allow only courts to ban newspapers.

The media ban is the first move by Vladimir Shumeiko, the new information minister and former deputy prime minister. A determined Yeltsin loyalist, he is expected to play a key role in co-ordinating the Yeltsin camp's propaganda during the election campaign.

Helsinki Watch, the Western human rights organisation, yesterday issued a strong criticism of the increased powers given to the Moscow police to enforce the *propiska* system of residential permits in the capital. According to reports, this has led to the expulsion of more than 4,000 Caucasians and Central Asians, with some 10,000 fleeing for fear of arrest. The number of Caucasians on Moscow's streets has decreased sharply.

Although the move has been popular among Muscovites, who associate them with organised crime, Helsinki Watch is accusing Russian police of racism.

The former Soviet republic of Belorussia is mounting an intensive campaign to win Western backing for its contested candidacy for a seat on the United Nations Security Council (Michael Binyon writes). In talks in London this week Petr Krauchanka, the foreign minister, has urged Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, to support his country over the Czech Republic in recompense for the steps Minsk has taken to reduce its stock of nuclear and conventional weapons.



Günther Parche, who was given a suspended sentence for stabbing Monica Seles, the tennis player, leaving jail in Hamburg yesterday after spending the night there because of fears that he might be attacked over the light sentence. Miss Seles, 19, who lives in America, said that she was "shocked and horrified" by the sentence. "He gets to go back to his life, but I can't because I am still recovering from this attack." *(AP)*

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amsterdam plane crash blamed on design flaw

The Hague: Dutch aviation investigators yesterday blamed Boeing, the aircraft manufacturer, for last year's El Al air crash in Amsterdam.

Forty-three people died when the 747 cargo jet ploughed into a block of flats on the outskirts of Amsterdam on October 4, in one of the worst urban air accidents. The 747 lost its two right-wing engines and plunged to the ground about 15 minutes after taking off for Tel Aviv.

In a report presented at a two-day public hearing, Henk Wolleswinkel, the Dutch aviation inspectorate chief, said the crash was caused by a design flaw in the pylon assembly that holds the engines under the wing. There was no evidence of sabotage and bird damage.

Christopher Villiers, a Boeing spokesman, said the company had been unable to correct the flaw, but had asked airlines to increase inspections of the pylons. *(AP)*

Spanish pact

Madrid: The minority Socialist government of Felipe González has reached a deal with Catalan nationalists over concessions for the autonomous region. In return the Spanish prime minister can now rely on their backing in parliament for an austerity budget.

EC blamed

Vienna: Austria, facing problems over integrating its heavily subsidised farm sector into the European Community, has criticised European Commission negotiators for delaying talks, thus casting doubt on its joining the EC by 1995. *(Reuter)*

Entry barred

Berlin: German police have turned back about 30,000 illegal immigrants at the eastern border this year, more than in all of 1992. Most of those caught were refugees from Romania, former Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and the former Soviet Union. *(Reuter)*

Mafiosi held

Rome: In a national crackdown, hailed as the first big co-operative operation between Switzerland and Italy in the battle against organised crime, 130 suspected Mafia members have been arrested. *(Reuter)*

Strike arrested

Ljubljana: After a week of chaos at border crossings, Slovenia's policemen have called off a strike over an 18 per cent pay rise after parliament passed a law effectively banning them from taking industrial action. *(Reuter)*

Poland's former communists launch attack on the church

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

■ **Drawing on disquiet over Catholic influence in post-communist Poland, the new administration is determined to do battle over abortion and education controls**

POLITICS and religion are on a collision course in Poland with the new government of former communists and their allies bent on curbing the influence of the Roman Catholic Church.

Battle lines were being drawn yesterday, when President Walesa reluctantly agreed to designate Waldemar Pawlak, 34, leader of the Polish Peasants' Party, prime minister. Although Mr Pawlak is a practising Catholic, he has made it clear he opposes the country's anti-abortion law — one of the toughest in Europe.

The church was instrumental in passing that law, as well as the introduction of tighter divorce rules and making religious classes in schools compulsory. Mr Walesa — a strictly orthodox Roman Catholic — and centrist governments which have ruled since 1989 have been criticised increasingly for being too eager to please the church.

The president originally refused to accept Mr Pawlak's candidacy, demanding that the Democratic Left Alliance, the former communists who won parliamentary elections in mid-September, present him with three candidates. Yesterday Mr Walesa said: "I wish Pawlak well, but in my opinion he will not stand up to the job."

Hanna Suchocka, the outgoing prime minister, was expected to tender her resignation last night, but she will remain in office until the coalition of the Democratic Left Alliance and the Peasants' Party is approved by parliament. The Democratic Left Alliance also opposes the anti-abortion law, which was passed in March after a long and agonising debate in Poland. Abortion is illegal unless the mother's life is in danger, in cases of rape and incest, or where there is a risk the foetus will be "damaged". Doctors violating the law face two years in prison and ten years if the woman dies.

The law is seen as especially tough by Polish women who have limited access to contraception and almost no sex education. A survey this year indicated that 73 per cent of Polish women have had an unplanned pregnancy.

Fears that church and government were creating a church-dominated society have led to street demonstrations and may have caused as much dissatisfaction as wrangles over the pace of privatisation.

The education ministry is likely to be in the hands of former communists when the new coalition begins work and could lock horns with the church within weeks. Religious education became compulsory in April last year, with prayers before and after every lesson and classes in the subject held in the middle of the day to try to prevent pupils missing them. Ethics classes have been available theoretically as an alternative, but teachers in the subject are scarce and nuns and priests have been running them.

Before the anti-abortion legislation was passed, there were an estimated 600,000 abortions a year. Then in 1991, as the church pushed ever harder to press its views on the government, the Pope said that abortion could be equated with the genocide of the Jews.

Since the abortion law was passed, only the wealthy have been able to afford nearly £300 — twice the average monthly wage — to travel abroad on what are termed "medical tours" to Russia, Ukraine or the Netherlands.

Thatcher's memoirs jar German nerves

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

Publication of extracts of Baroness Thatcher's memoirs have hit a nerve in Germany where there are fears that the government may share the prejudices of the former prime minister.

"Stop the German monster" was the headline in *Der Spiegel* over a chunk of the memoirs, which chronicle in painstaking detail Lady Thatcher's deep suspicions of German unification. Germans are bruised easily by foreign criticism. After Berlin gained only nine votes (two cast by Germans) in the competition to stage the Olympics in 2000, the tabloid *Bild Zeitung* agonised: Why are we Germans so unloved?

Lady Thatcher has rubbed salt into this wound. She is quoted as saying that Germany is "simply much too big and much too powerful". A united Europe, she writes, would increase the influence of a united Germany. The German character swerved, she said, "unpredictably between aggression and self-doubt".

Helmut Kohl, the chancellor, has reacted phlegmatically as usual. The memoirs were neither "surprising nor unfriendly", he said; certainly not surprising for those members of the German political class who remember the *Spectator* interview with the late Nicholas Ridley. This interview was read in Germany as an insight into Lady Thatcher's thinking. British diplomats dismissed Ridley's views as marginal and untypical of anti-German feelings. The German problem remains a cornerstone of British foreign policy."

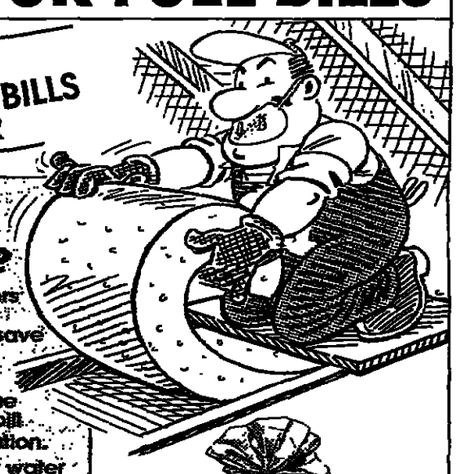


Thatcher: suspicious of German unification

The publication of the memoirs comes on top of recent Anglo-German friction. The German foreign ministry was not at all happy when Whitehall tipped off correspondents about plans to call in the ambassador to London. At issue was a recent meeting between a senior German official and the chief of Iran's intelligence network. London was said to be furious about such contacts at a time when murder threats were being renewed against the writer Salman Rushdie and his publishers abroad. "We would prefer not to read about such feelings in the press," a high-ranking German official said privately.

None of this adds up to a full-scale spat, but it does suggest an increasing sensitivity about Germany's image abroad. *Bild Zeitung*, searching for a British view of Germany, found a businessman, Kevin Mully, who was quoted as saying: "The one good thing about Germans is their Mercedes. I'm always happy when I'm out of that country." That was balanced by Harold Smith: "I like the ordinary people, their modesty. They are open to the world and are passionate Europeans. We English could learn a lot from them." Should Lady Thatcher want to correspond with Mr Smith on this matter, *Bild Zeitung* would be happy to help out.

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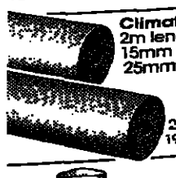
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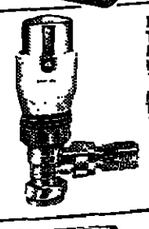
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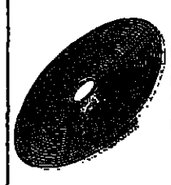


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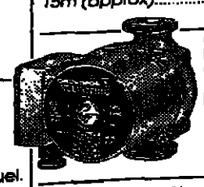
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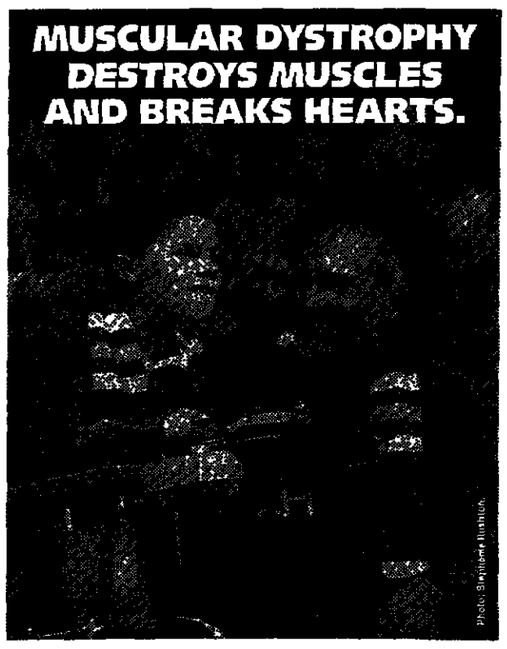


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Meyer the Mouth

Peter Riddell

on No 10's new voice

CHRISTOPHER Meyer will need the patience of a saint and the political subtleties of a Machiavelli. From January he will take over one of the most unconventional jobs in Whitehall, chief press secretary to the prime minister.

Fortunately, Mr Meyer, 49, is an unconventional diplomat. He enjoys the company of journalists. His instincts are to be open and to talk freely rather than to hide behind bland discretion. At Harvard five years ago he devoted as much time to a course on jazz as to one on international relations.

Sir Bernard Ingham, who held the post for a record 11 years under Margaret Thatcher, called his memoirs *Kill the Messenger*. The messengers have become better known than many members of the Cabinet. Almost anything said can cause a political stir.

The qualities required are stamina, affability, a thick skin, resilience and detachment. When a prime minister becomes embattled, the press secretary is the first target. During Harold Wilson's final period as prime minister, relations between Joe Haines and the lobby ceased altogether for a time amid angry recriminations.

Sir Bernard was regarded as the authentic voice of Mrs Thatcher's gut instincts. He fed the media's ravenous demand for news by ensuring that there was always a story of the day. At times, he exploded with memorable "bunkum and balderdash" denunciations.

GUS O'Donnell, whom John Major brought with him from the Treasury in November 1990, has mainly avoided these pitfalls. He defused the row over attribution of his comments, ending the boycott of briefings by *The Guardian* and *The Independent*. He has been scrupulous in not crossing the line between speaking for the government and for the Tory party, and has, with only a couple of exceptions, maintained good relations with the press.

At times, for instance, in the leaks this summer of Mr Major's criticisms ("bastards" and "barmy") of Tory rebels, Mr O'Donnell has appeared too affable and insufficiently manipulative. That has led to complaints from some Tory MPs that he has not been aggressive enough.

Mr O'Donnell has also had to deal with a prime minister who is particularly sensitive about press criticism.

Fortunately for Mr Major, Mr Meyer has a relaxed view of the press. He absorbed criticism, and earned the respect of journalists when he served as Geoffrey Howe's spokesman in the Foreign Office in the mid-1980s. But he will have to learn quickly, since Mr Major's current respite may not last the winter.

Dead sheep is gently revenged

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW



Malice, treachery, bile — from the dead sheep? Can this comfortable, avuncular, armchair figure be the dangerous conspirator, unforgiving, poisonous and brutal? His soporific *sotto voce*, which maddens even his adoring wife Elspeth, who is hard of hearing, is barely audible above the roar of Mayfair traffic outside his window.

The lady has declared that Geoffrey Howe will be remembered chiefly for his "final act of bile and treachery" three years ago; and since "the evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones", she may be right.

But anyone seeking reciprocal vitriol from Lord Howe is confounded. He is an admirer above all of Keith Joseph's "gentle advocacy"; a man whose voice has never been heard raised in anger. Circumspection and an equable temperament prevail. This Sunday he will, like other reviewers, receive his copy of *Margaret Thatcher: The Downing Street Years*. He is a quick reader when gripped: in Burgundy this summer he read the 700 pages of Jung Chang's *Wild Swans* in 24 hours.

He will have the chance to remind us that not going into the ERM when the time was obviously ripe, i.e. 1985, was "the turning point of tragedy ... which became increasingly a stone in the shoe of the government".

Deprived of high office but with all stones removed from his shoes, Lord Howe of Aberavon now happily travels the globe, enjoying nostalgic reunions with old friends from Foreign Secretary days, in the consultancies and directorships he has accumulated. He occupies an office high above Berkeley Square, courtesy of the law firm of Jones, Day, Reavis and Pogue. He is their special adviser on international affairs. Recent excursions suggest that he and Lady Howe rarely languish at their elegant London home or at their country house in Warwickshire, brooding on the past which last weekend erupted again into the headline "The Malice of Howe".

And while there is no escape, says Lord Howe in the QC-speak that is second nature to him, "from the proposition that my speech will be regarded as one of some significance ... I hope people would not associate it with 'treachery and bile'. It wasn't so regarded by many at the time. Nor is it now." On the contrary: it was instantly interpreted as an *Et tu Brute* assassination.

Did he not anticipate that his final words "the time has come for others to consider their own response to the tragic conflict of loyalties with which I have wrestled for perhaps too long" would galvanise the leadership challenge from Michael Heseltine the next morning?

"I really don't think I contemplated any particular reaction, certainly not from Michael. I was simply explaining feelings that had to be explained. I had been honing it almost until the last minute. I was anxious to be clear. If you read the speech as a whole, I set out the length and intensity of our partnership, and explain with enormous regret the points along the way where we differed. There was a self-contained inevitability and logic about it. I wanted to be generous, and 'tragic conflict of loyalties' was precisely as I saw it.

"It was not the kind of speech one makes lightly."

His delivery, measured as always, was all the deadlier for that. Howe thinks the impact was enormously increased by its being the first such political drama to be televised.

> 'It was her weakness — she preferred fighting the battles to winning arguments'

Lady Thatcher writes that when she sacked him as Foreign Secretary, he "looked sullen", as well he might. He has one of those faces which, when his tiny mouth is closed, looks petulant when merely thoughtful. "I've often wondered", he mused, "why political changes need to be handled in that dramatic, night of the long knives way. One is bound not to be pleased, when it happens at ten minutes' notice against a background which hadn't suggested it was likely at all ... But it is hard to be too critical of Margaret Thatcher in that respect, because that seems to have become part of the political culture. It was a blow, but change is an inevitable part of political life. One can't expect immortality, even if one wishes it could be done in a less abrupt fashion."

As for the alleged haggling over the country residences Chevening and Dorneywood, that was a myth. He disputes her chronology; anyway it could all have been handled differently: "Instead it was all presented as a *fait accompli*, and the impression was given of us being preoccupied with housey-housey."

But what plainly still irks Lady Thatcher is that her will did not prevail with Howe and Lawson.

"It was one of her most important strengths, and yet weaknesses, that she was so tenacious of her own point of view, that she could find such limited room for other people's," he says. This combative approach was the problem. "She preferred fighting battles to winning arguments. It is possible to win arguments and still keep friends, thereby extending the common ground and consolidating your success rather than putting it at risk. If you win a battle and establish a salient, the salient is almost by definition liable to be counter-attacked."

She says he "made mischief" because he was "ill-disposed" towards her. "Without foundation. To perceive the attempt by Nigel and myself to discuss a core policy position before Madrid as anything surprising is itself surprising. And in so far as that produced a shift in the position of the British government, which it did, well, thank heavens it did."

She says he used Nigel Lawson's departure to "stir up more trouble". He had praised Nigel as a chancellor of great courage, in "a speech of calculated malice". "That is certainly unjustified. In the course of an economic passage in my speech, I suddenly thought, 'God, poor old Nigel deserves a pat on the back'. It was not directed at her so much as a retrospective farewell to Nigel who'd just gone."

The nearest Lady Thatcher comes to self-criticism is her admission that she might have spoken to Sir Geoffrey "too sharply" in Cabinet on the morning of the very day he resigned. Had that been a final straw? "Nothing to do with it."

Why was it assumed that Elspeth had a hand in his speech? "Quite without foundation." Lady Howe, unusually among Cabinet wives, had a public role, and opinions; therefore she was assumed to be a dominant power behind the throne. "We do look at each other's speech drafts, and make suggestions. We have a common fund of jokes for school speech days, and so on. It's a cross-fertilisation. It would be hard to disentangle which of us had more influence on the other."

One of many good stories he tells is that when he and Elspeth went to Kenya in 1975, she gave a speech to Mrs Kenyatta's luncheon club about the Equal Opportunities Act. The headline in the East African paper read: "British Sex Act Explained."

Well, at least he has successfully laid to rest Denis Healey's famous dead sheep remark, which provoked a long-running exchange that ended in Howe's final rejoinder to a kind remark from Healey from the back benches: "It's like being cherished by a dead savage." Now that he is out of it, he regards the fabric of parliamentary life much diminished by the absence of such sharp but good-humoured exchanges, and their replacement with yah-booing, hubbub and bedlam.

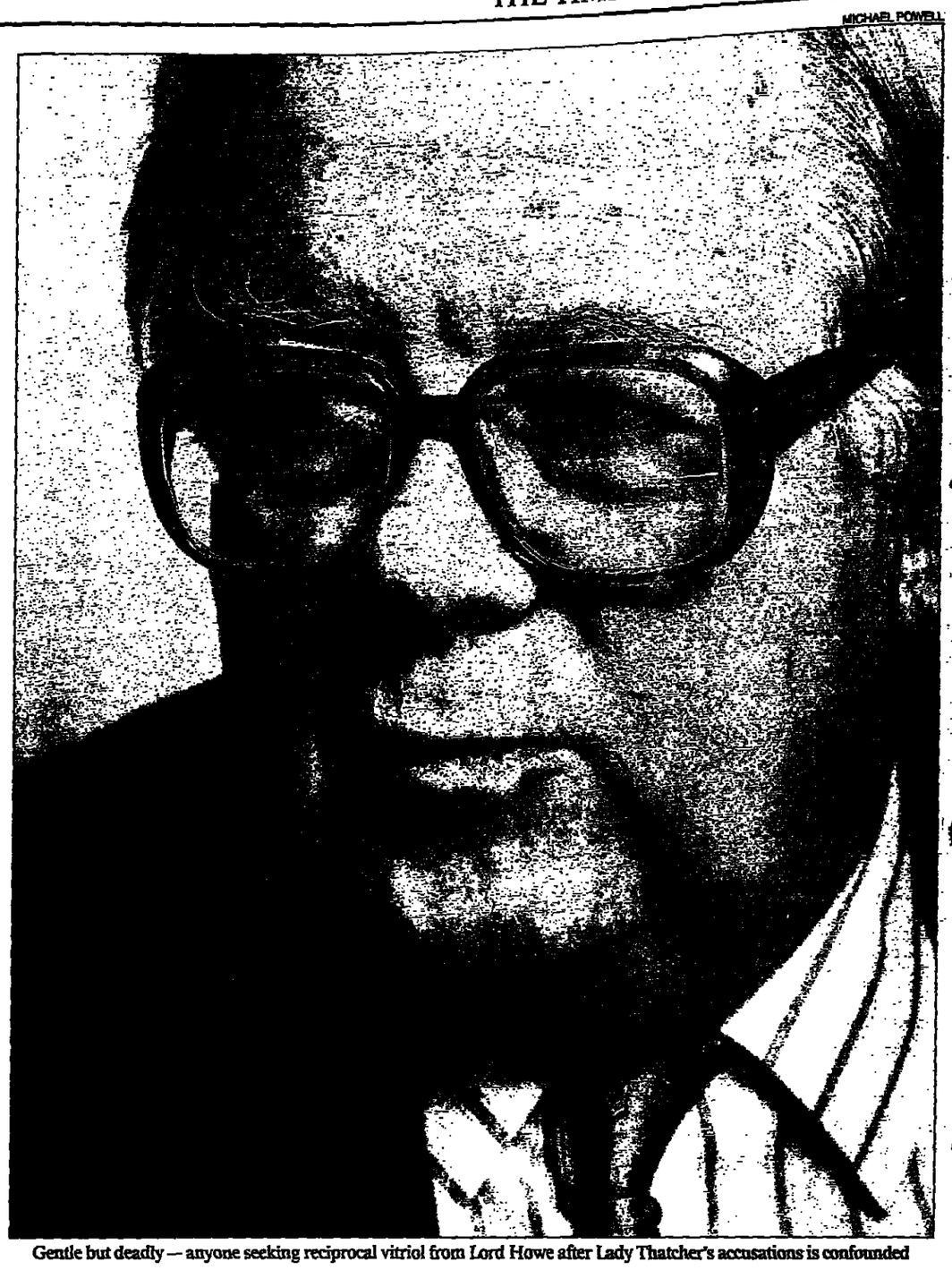
There is a pedagogic flavour in his discourses, on the British preoccupation with the pound coin (which he introduced) as a symbol of sovereignty; on the pre-Roman influences on the Welsh language; on the value of classical scholarship. He was a scholar at Winchester, but of a scientific turn of mind: he got the school rules changed so that you were allowed to have a radio if you built it yourself.

His wife once described him as having been a "fiery red-haired Welshman" when they met and he still proclaims his affection for his Port Talbot beginnings. "I did a programme with Neil Kinnock in Cardiff recently and he asked me what influence Welshness had on my politics. I said essentially it's a one-nation component: wherever you go in the world, someone says, 'Oh, you're from Swansea, you must know my uncle'. It's a bond."

He regards it as an affectation to list one's hobbies in *Who's Who*. Once he might have put mountain-climbing, walking and photography; now the active side of life is *diminuendo*, with plenty of tranquillity in which to reflect. At weekends he takes up his own memoirs, seeing no need to make them unduly vicious.

"Politics has always been a dirty business," Lady Thatcher tells the *Radio Times* this week. "There are no true friends in politics. We are all sharks circling, waiting for traces of blood to appear in the water." (Alan Clark in his *Diaries*.) "Politicians of the same party can hate each other like they hate nobody outside it." (Matthew Parris, in *The Times* this week.)

"I don't think it needs to be like that," murmurs Lord Howe, equably.



MICHAEL POWELL

Gentle but deadly — anyone seeking reciprocal vitriol from Lord Howe after Lady Thatcher's accusations is confounded

Of music and mind-bending

A series of notes can make you fall in love — or even increase intelligence. Now scientists believe they might know why

REMEMBER Alex, the anti-hero of *A Clockwork Orange*? His typical day would consist of murdering an elderly couple in their bed, mugging a helpless old woman and gang-raping a young girl. In his spare time, he would go home, lay on his bed and be moved to tears by the music of Beethoven.

It is difficult to imagine the latest crop of young offenders tuning in to Classic FM from their prison cells. But almost everybody is susceptible to the power of music, or what the poet Wallace Stevens described as "feeling, then, not sound". We put it on softly when we want to seduce, we turn it up to put us in the mood for going out.

Shop managers pipe *Don't Cry for Me Argentina* across the supermarket aisles, numbing us into stuffing our trolleys with goods we don't even like. Advertising executives search for the tune that will make us feel our lives will be an emotional void without a particular brand of cat food.

All over the country, therapy units are popping up with the aim of alleviating every ill through music. Now we learn that a study at the University of California shows that listening to music can increase our intelligence. Tests showed that students who listened to a piece of Mozart before a test did better than those who listened to relaxation tapes or remained in silence.

WHAT is it about "an art form consisting of sequences of sounds" (the dictionary definition) that can change our lives?

Sir Compton Mackenzie said that human beings have a "hunger ... for the rhythmic accompaniment to the unrhythmic noise of contemporary life". According to John Sloboda, who heads a musical research unit at Keele University, sound is the most emotional means of communication. "We are aware of sound long before we can see. In the womb, babies respond to their mother's heartbeat and voice."

Music appeals to our bodies through its rhythms and to our emotions through its harmonies. Professor Sloboda has researched why certain types of music make us happy or sad. "I asked people what places in a piece of music made them feel either joy or sorrow and I found that the same musical structures come up again," he says.

"For sadness, the device used is an appoggiatura, which is a type of harmonic dissonance — a rough interval changing to a smooth device. In Paul McCartney's *Yesterday*, for example, the accent on the *Yes* and the *far away* go against the grain of the rest of the structure.

"Music that makes us feel joyful involves a shift to another key. At one point in Schoenberg's *Transfigured Night* there is a move from an E flat minor chord to D major chord, and there is an incredible moment of peace and resolution, a surge of positive emotion." But why should these changes have such an effect?

"We are not sure," says Professor Sloboda. "The basic question is one of expectation. All our emotions are to do with having our expectations confirmed or thwarted. If someone you love dies then it's unexpected and you feel sorrow; but another unexpected event, like winning the pools, brings joy. Music taps into this, with unexpected shifts which affect either our joyous or sad expectations."

MUSIC in therapy is especially effective because it both disciplines our emotions and allows them freedom. "Music is an organised art form that can order strong feelings, but it also expresses chaotic feelings such as anger," says Pauline Etkin of the Nordoff Robbins Music Therapy Centre in London.

But music can be maddening as well as delightful. Helen Stephens was recently sentenced to seven days in prison for upsetting the neighbours by repeatedly playing Whitney Houston's *I Will Always Love You* at top volume.

Dr Judy Edworthy, a music psychologist at Cambridge University, admits that a non-stop dose of this song, which topped the British charts for nine weeks, "could probably" be called psychological torture.

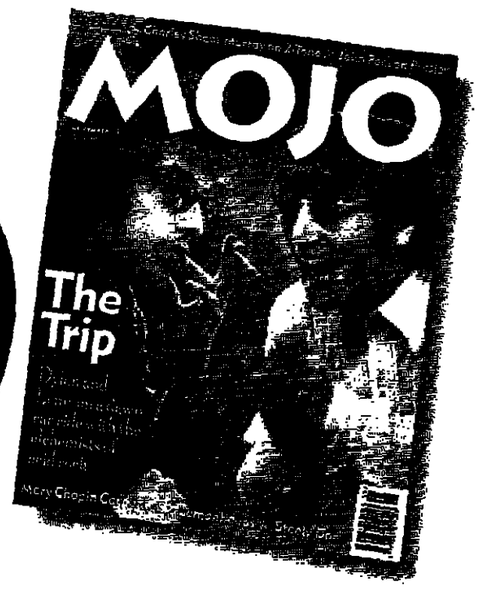
The song's faults, she says, are nothing to do with Miss Houston, but lie in its simple four-chord structure, which is also used in Handel's *Messiah* and Mozart's *The Magic Flute*.

"The whole song just keeps going through that same sequence," she says. "It's the most simple sequence in music and has been used by all the classical composers. But they might end a piece with it, not base a whole piece on it."

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Success at the sharp end

Surgery does not generally appeal to women as a career — but, at last, Britain has its first female professor in the specialty. **Jeremy Laurance** reports

The appointment of Britain's first woman professor of surgery this week breaches one of the last bastions of male dominance in the professions.

As one of only 75 female surgeons among more than 3,400 men at consultant level, Averil Mansfield has taken the surgical world by surprise rather than by storm. Her promotion to the top of the surgical academic tree will give a significant boost to women doctors struggling against great odds to make careers in surgery.

Ms Mansfield, who trained in Liverpool, has been appointed professor of vascular surgery and director of the academic department of surgery at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington. Displaying none of the abrasiveness common among top women in medicine nor the locker-room bravado of some of her male colleagues, she claims her rise has occurred without impediment from the surgical establishment. In 21 years as a consultant, she has advanced by keeping her skills up and her head down.

Quietly, rather than nakedly, ambitious, she learnt early to keep her personal views in check.

"I wanted to be a surgeon from a very early age but when I won a prize at school and was interviewed by the local paper my mother told me I was not to say I intended to become a doctor. She felt it was a little over-ambitious for someone who didn't know a thing about it. She said it would be all right to say I wanted to be a nurse."

This parental lesson in self-effacement — a rare quality among surgeons — became a habit. More than 30 years after qualifying, and with a string of prizes behind her, she still insists her skills are no better than average. The work, meanwhile, gets harder. "You feel the inadequacy of the things you can do as you get older. And it doesn't get any easier to sit down and explain to people the problems they have got. You are more relaxed when you're younger."

There was no family connection with medicine — her father was a manual labourer — but her parents never stood in her way when she applied to medical school in Liverpool, something for which she remains grateful. It was the "practicality" of surgery that appealed to her.

"You have the best of all worlds. You have the opportunity to sit and talk to the patients, which I regard as the most fundamental aspect of the job, as well as the pleasure in the technical aspects of surgery.

"But the things you take home are the operations that are less successful. All surgeons would admit to having weekends ruined by worry, unless they are very hard hearted. It still happens and it is still as painful as ever."

She remembers the first operation she performed — removing an appendix — and the excitement with which she phoned her parents afterwards. "It is a great moment — the first time you take the knife in your hand. Surgery begins with tiny things, lumps and bumps, but there is something different about delving inside someone's abdomen and fishing out an appendix."

As the wife of a surgeon and stepmother of her husband's three children, the youngest of whom was 11 when they came to live with her, she admits that to succeed in the specialty women need good back-up at home and an understanding family.

"Surgery is regarded as a very hard taskmaster. It demands long hours and if you start an operation you can't abandon it half way through. If an operation is scheduled for two hours and it lasts six hours that's too bad. Then if there are complications you must look after the patient."

> Hospital culture is known to be 'male, competitive and hostile'

Women now account for half of all medical students but only 3.7 per cent of consultant surgeons. Only 15.5 per cent of all consultants are women. Despite efforts by the NHS to improve the recruitment of women, the culture of hospitals appears "male, competitive and hostile", according to tomorrow's *British Medical Journal*. There are fears that unless more are attracted to surgery, standards will fall because the specialty will draw on only half the available pool of talent.

Ms Mansfield's biggest concern, she says, is the number of young women put off surgery before they start. Although claiming never to have experienced discrimination herself, she acknowledges that others have had difficulties. Colleagues say it is the ordinarily competent women, not those like Ms Mansfield with exceptional skills, who are being excluded. But as chairwoman of a scheme run by the Royal College of Surgeons to encourage more women surgeons, she rules out positive discrimination.

"There is a feeling that something stops women pursuing a career in surgery and I'm sure there is. None of us would want positive discrimination, but if some women are having a hard time we need to know about it to ensure that there are no unnecessary obstacles in their way."

It shouldn't matter if they are a bit older because they have taken time out to have a family. That is one of the little campaigns I want to wage."

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Averil Mansfield at St Mary's, Paddington: "It shouldn't matter if women are a bit older because they have taken time out to have a family. That is one of the little campaigns I want to wage."

An artist? You must be crazy

Science has proved Socrates right about poets being a few apples short of a picnic

"WE OF the craft are all crazy," Lord Byron once observed. "Some are affected by gaiety, others by melancholy, but all are more or less touched."

According to the romantic myth, the long hours huddled in garrets, wrestling with an arcane art and plunged in soul-wrenching contemplation helps to form the mad genius who performs his or her greatest work before succumbing to full-blown lunacy. Studies in America, however, suggest that this stereotyping may be close to scientific fact. Great artists, it appears, may be the product of mental illness, not the other way around.

A number of American neurologists, psychiatrists and geneticists have together arrived at a conclusion that was originally mooted by Aristotle and Socrates, but expressed most pithily, if exaggeratedly, by Robert Burton in the 17th century: "All poets are mad".

In a remarkable new study, Dr Kay Redfield Jamison, a clinical psychologist, traces the links between manic depressive illness and the artistic temperament, as evidenced by an array of painters, poets, composers and writers, to conclude that this "destructive, often psychotic and frequently lethal disease . . . might convey certain advantages, such as heightened imaginative powers, intensified emotional responses and increased energy". In a survey of leading 18th-century British and Irish poets, Dr Jamison found a "strikingly high rate of mood disorders, suicide and institutionalisation".



Woolf: knew she was mad

More than half showed violent mood swings, approximately one-third appear to have been manic-depressive and a significant proportion, more than 20 times the national average for the time, wound up in asylums.

In a 1947 essay, Harold Nicolson made the indisputable point that "it is not in the least true that *all* creative writers have been mad *all* the time". But Dr Jamison points out that her research shows only "a much higher than expected rate of manic depressive illness, depression and suicide exists in exceptionally creative writers and artists".

"Madness" is a vague and highly contentious term, and even those artists who finally slipped into complete insanity naturally had careers punctuated by long periods of lucidity, rationality and complete self-control.

Byron was laconic on this point, comparing a "life of passion" to such oxymorons as "a continuous earthquake or a perpetual fever".

Certainly many of history's most creative and inspired individuals — Van Gogh, Shelley, Poe, Melville, Coleridge, Robert Lowell, Virginia Woolf, Schumann and Byron — have suffered from manic depression, an illness which causes wrenching swings of moods between transcendent elation and the deepest despondency, sometimes leading to psychosis.

According to the new psychiatric studies, prominent artists are between ten and 30 times more likely to suffer from manic depression, while great scientists, by contrast, seem to suffer from the illness at the same rate or less than the general population.

Dr Jamison theorises that the tumultous ferment of ideas produced during fits of manic energy may be assimilated and co-ordinated during the depressive bouts of the illness. Brain imaging studies appear to support the theory that different areas of the brain are stimulated, alternately, by mania and depression.

For example, a study of the life of the composer, Robert Schumann, who died in 1856, aged 46, of self-starvation in a lunatic asylum, suggests that his greatest periods of musical productivity coincided with the most manic episodes in his life.

Some scientists now argue the vicissitudes of "bipolar disorder" may make the brain of the artist more pliable and receptive to the strange, the fantastic and the imaginative inner-life, which may then be transformed into music, words or images. Temporal lobe epilepsy, another form of mental illness which causes brain spasms and can give rise to extreme emotions, has also been linked with artistic creativity. In another recent scientific treatise, Eva LaPlante explores how the genius of Dostoevsky, Flaubert and Lewis Carroll may have been rooted in the symptoms of the illness.

NONE of the recent scientific research, of course, is intended to suggest that mental illnesses are anything other than cruelly debilitating and highly distressing for sufferers. If they do confer a heightened awareness and an artistically fecund temperament, that is usually at a terrible, sometimes fatal cost.

Virginia Woolf claimed that "as an experience, madness is terrific . . . and in its lava I still find most of the things I write about". But her illness also petrified her. In one of her last letters she wrote: "I feel certain I am going mad again . . . I begin to hear voices and I can't concentrate . . . I can't fight any longer."

As Dr Jamison's book, *Touched With Fire*, puts it: manic depression "almost certainly confers both individual and evolutionary advantage, but often kills and destroys as it does".

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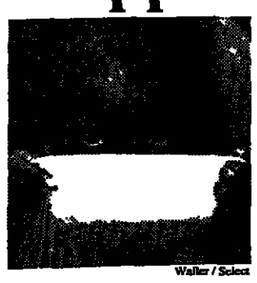
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■ This writing life has hardly changed in 200 years

Memoirs have the two-faced advantage that their authors are in love with their subjects. Otherwise why waste the paper? In the best autobiographies, such as St Augustine's *Confessions* and Newman's *Apologia pro Vita Sua*, the authors retain a sense of humility, and publish their lives to confess, explain and justify. Modern politicians use their memoirs to confess the sins of their colleagues and parade their self-importance, following the policy of Henry Kissinger in *The White House Years*: "I am being frank about myself in this book: I tell of my first mistake on page 850."

Lives are breeze blocks of history. As the first modern biographer, Sam Johnson, scribbled in a piece of instant journalism: "There has rarely passed a life of which a judicious and faithful narrative would not be useful." The trick is to make it faithful and judicious.

Human nature being clay, we are more interested in the failures of great men and women than in their triumphs, and we relish irony, as when Lytton Strachey shocked Edwardian piety by writing of Florence Nightingale: "There was humour in her face: but the curious watcher might wonder whether it was humour of a very pleasant kind."

Pace contemporary subjects of nine-day-wonder memoirs, much the most exciting life of the decade is more than two centuries old. Richard Holmes's *Dr Johnson & Mr Savage*, published yesterday, confirms the suspicion that there was more to Sam than the triumphant hero of Boswell's biography. Before becoming a hero, Johnson was the patron saint of journos. Richard Holmes, the most sympathetic and romantic of biographers, has been obsessed with the forgotten underside of the young Johnson for years. Holmes is on the side of underdogs, and is himself an endearing example to all who try to write half as well as he does. Flouting conventional wisdom that traditional grammar and spelling are the foundations of good writing, he is the most idiosyncratic speller I have ever sighed to correct — with the possible exception of Shakespeare, whose handwriting was so bad that it is difficult to work out whether he spelt his own name ten or 11 different ways.

Richard Holmes's revisionist history resurrects the dark side of Johnson that Boswell preferred to bury: the struggling hack, often too broke for supper, unhappily married, randy, living in household chaos with piles of abandoned newspapers, unanswered messages, hungry cats and pressing deadlines, boozing and arguing around the dives of Fleet Street. If he had died at the same age as Savage, Johnson would have vanished as an obscure failure. His biography of Savage was the first modern memoir. In some ways the thirtyish-year-old Johnson with his big heart and chips on both gawky shoulders is more attractive, because more fallible, than the grand old man.

It was all there to read for those not dazzled by Boswell's whitewash, in Johnson's own love of underdogs, and his opinions on such delusions as inspiration in hackery: "A man may write at any time, if he will set himself doggedly to it . . . What *must* be done, Sir, *will* be done" — the daily cry of journalists. At the deadline, shout for us, Holmes and Johnson. You knew what it was like.

An innocent man spent three and a half years in prison, yet the judiciary sees nothing wrong

Long sentences for judges

Bernard Levin

I here reprint a column which appeared in this space on July 18, 1991, under the prophetic headline "Judges who flee from the path of justice". The reason is that the case I highlighted then has come up again in the courts; for me to discuss the second round without giving my readers a refresher from the first would leave them in limbo. I beg you, therefore, to read, before today's column, the whole of the 1991 one.

Yet another miscarriage of justice? What, will the line stretch out to the crack of doom? John Berry might well think so; he is in prison, serving a sentence of six years (originally eight), on a charge of making illegal explosive devices for terrorist purposes. The law under which he was tried, the Explosive Substances Act, is perhaps the most scandalous on our statute book [. . .] it reverses the entire balance of justice: suspicion is enough to convict the defendant unless he can prove his innocence.

Mr Berry, who had an unblemished record, was involved in selling electrical equipment to Middle East government agencies: one of his suppliers was a Mr Smith, and they got orders from the Syrian government which included timing devices. These were made by Smith and collected from Berry by a Syrian officer. All this was done openly and under standard contracts. But when the goods were tested in Syria the authorities there rejected the timers as unsatisfactory, and returned them. Some of the timers then fell into the hands of the police, and one of their scientific advisers, a Mr Feraday, said that they were terrorist devices. Berry and Smith were arrested and charged under the 1883 Act.

Because the unjust Act in effect makes mere suspicion criminal, the defence requested the evidence on which the suspicion was founded, since Berry and Smith could hardly begin to defend themselves without knowing the particulars of the case against them.

The judge refused the request. Accordingly, the prosecution was never obliged to specify what was the alleged terrorist use of the timers, never obliged to say where they were allegedly to be used, and never obliged even to define "terrorist". But it was agreed that all the devices, whether terrorist or benign, were going abroad.

The only prosecution evidence was from Mr Feraday, the expert witness. He claimed that because the timers did not have built-in safety devices they must have been for terrorism; later, however, in another case, he said that because such timers *did* have a built-in safety device they must have been for terrorism [. . .]

The judge, one of those who say things like "it matters not", directed the jury that wherever the timers were to be used they came under British law. The jury convicted Berry, on a majority verdict, but could not agree on Smith, an impossible outcome because whatever they had done they had done it together. Berry was sentenced to eight years and Smith was retried.

Smith was acquitted by a more sensible judge, who ruled that since the timers, innocent or fateful, were to be used outside Britain, no offence against our law had occurred.

Lunacy lurked nearby; Smith was acquitted, but Berry had been convicted and, moreover, on a charge just declared null and void [. . .] Berry appealed.

Now comes the crux of the whole terrible business. His first plea against conviction was, naturally: how could he be punished under British law when no British law had been broken — as had just been established at Smith's trial? But Berry had several more grounds for appeal. These included the refusal of the first judge to rule that the prosecution must deliver the "further and better particulars", the originally unsafe (because contradictory) verdict, the failure of the prosecution to define terrorism, and Mr Feraday's evidence.

The Court of Appeal found Berry not guilty, accepting the argument that if the timers were solely for use in other countries, whatever they were, it was no business of our courts. But because they did accept that argument, and therefore acquitted him at once, they did not need to take up any of the other defences that he would have relied upon. This, I stress, is not in any way unusual. Nor is the fact that Mr Berry's counsel did not request the appeal court to rule on the other defences. Why should he, when they had got an acquittal first go? But please bear this point in mind: it is the hinge on which the miscarriage of justice swung.

The prosecution appealed to the House of Lords. I bet you thought that an acquitted person could not be retried on the same charge (what the Americans call "double jeopardy"); well, silly you: the trick is done by asking the Lords to rule on "a certified point of law" — in this instance, whether our courts have the power to punish someone in another contry. At that point Mr Berry left the country for Spain; he was subsequently deported and returned to Britain. We do not need to go into his motives: even if he were a double-dyed villain he is entitled to every shield our law provides.

The Lords overturned the appeal court and reinstated Berry's conviction and sentence [. . .] Lord Roskill, who says things like "beyond peradventure", suddenly introduced a new test for Mr Berry: why could he not show an export licence for the timers, or an application for one? Presumably. Lord Roskill thought their absence was a sign of guilt, but he gave no indication of knowing either that the prosecution had never proceeded with the charge of illegal exportation, or that the judge had discharged the jury from returning a verdict on that charge. On top of that, Lord Roskill ignored the fact that Berry did *not* export the devices but only sold them (the Syrians collected them in Britain), and on top of *that* it was not even clear that an export licence was necessary.

Never mind: the really important question was: how could Berry get his palpably wrongful sentence reversed? He [. . .] still had a pocketful of other arguments. The defence needed only to take up with the Court of Appeal the points which had been left over and all would be well.

And the Court of Appeal ran away. Its members — Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Lincoln and Mr Justice Tucker — refused to "relist" the case in order that the shelved grounds could be considered, and they compounded this failure to do justice by doing positive *injustice*: having concluded their dereliction of duty, they refused leave to appeal to the House of Lords against their decision.

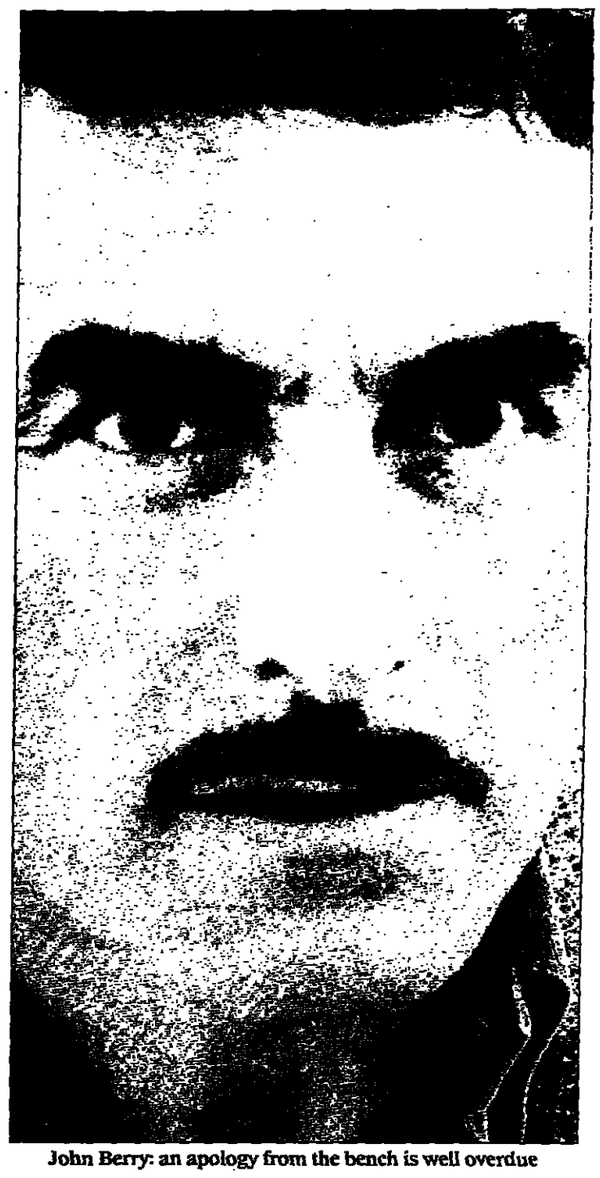
Well? This business is a miscarriage of justice very different from the ones we have recently been seeing, but in a sense it is worse. After all, the judges did their best in the cases of the Birmingham Six, the Guildford Four and the Family Maguire; the problem was only that their best was not nearly good enough. But the Court of Appeal in Berry's case did wrong with open eyes. The judges fled from their duty in refusing to hear Mr Berry's remaining defences, and as they fled, they locked the door against their victim's last redress by refusing his application to have their decision tested in the House of Lords.

Judges have come under fire recently, being accused of — among many other failings — naivete, obstinacy, unworldliness, bias, inflexibility, self-esteem, ignorance, volubility, interruption, gossiping, pomposity, laziness, hectoring, impatience, irritability, deafness, falling asleep on the bench immediately after lunch, and haemorrhoids. But on none of these disabilities did the Berry case turn, nor did they in any way affect this shameful episode [. . .]

Fortunately, there is a jurisdiction beyond even our highest courts: the European Commission of Human Rights, before which Mr Berry's case will, I trust, be reopened. If so [. . .] the European Court will find that the list of violations of Mr Berry's rights occupies nine and a half pages of typescript.

Among the violations were the original statute that puts the onus on the defendant to prove his case; the "judge-made" law to the effect that offences out of the British jurisdiction can be punished within it; the criminal liability for an action that could not have been foreseen to be against the laws of Britain; the refusal to the defence, at the origial hearing, of the further particulars Mr Berry needed; the complete omission of any definition of terrorism; and, above all, the refusal of the Court of Appeal to exhume Mr Berry's unused defences.

If you read the European Convention you will, I think, be appalled not just by Mr Berry's fate but by the holes in the net of human rights from which our judicial system suffers or, more precisely, innocent men and women suffer. The convention was, of course, never mentioned in any of the British legal proceedings, and most of the judges involved showed no sign that they had even heard of it, much less studied it. They might profitably study it now.



John Berry: an apology from the bench is well overdue

NOW READ ON...

. . . Just as I was getting down to the second half of this appalling story, I saw a headline which very nearly stopped my heart: it was in the *Financial Times* and it read "Senior minister calls for impeachment of judges". Alas, when I had recovered, I found that it was happening in Argentina.

Joke over: for most of our judges would be all the better for a massive dose of impeachment. No, they do not take bribes: and to give them their due, they have, in recent years, greatly diminished their habit of mingling their prejudices with their judgments. But if ever there was a miscarriage of justice, here is a tenfold one.

The last round but one, in the case of John Berry, was played out a week or so ago with the retrospective quashing of his conviction. The very last round may yet be played out before the European Court; my only regret that the damages he is likely to get from that court come out of our national funds, rather than from the men who did the things to him that demand recompense. Six judges, out of the 16 who have sat upon the case, including the Lord Chief Justice, came to the manifestly correct conclusion that Mr Berry was not guilty of the crimes for which he was, entirely innocent, imprisoned. Why, shucks, brothers, ten of our comrades got it hopelessly wrong. Next case, please. No, no, after lunch, of course.

I have been following this case almost from its beginning, and, as you may realise, the pile of papers involved is by now a good deal higher than Canary Wharf. I am not going to play lower-deck lawyer, layman that I am (mind you, the wigged wonders got the whole thing wrong from start to finish, and they were supposed to know the law — indeed, they were *paid* to know it); but I shall point to some of the more extravagant horrors which are only now being revealed. I must start with Lord Roskill's contribution to the disaster, because his contribution was the greatest — an accolade all the more worthy considering the fierce competition among his peers to carry off the trophy.

You will have read, in the first half of my indictment, of Lord Roskill's unfortunate penchant for starting new hares and instantly getting the beasts wrong. Here, in part two, he is at it again; when Berry's case was in the House of Lords, he leaped again to an unsubstantiable conclusion based on, as far as I can see, nothing at all; he called the Crown's scientific witness from the earlier case "a highly qualified scientific witness".

Oh, yes? Hark to a real one. The "highly qualified scientific witness" has "no [relevant] academic qualifications whatsoever. His only qualification is . . . a technician's . . . It would, perhaps, allow him to enter into the second year of an undergraduate degree course in electronics . . . There is no record of him having any experience of working with electronics in an innocuous context [though of course he has much experience in the explosives field) . . . his criteria are . . . completely arbitrary . . ."

But I am only starting. Try reading, as I have, what Lord Roskill said of the first judge, Judge Greenwood, the one who put Berry in prison for eight years: for Lord Roskill, Judge Greenwood's summing up "was distinguished by its clarity and care . . . his direction as to the law to be applied by the jury at the respondent's trial was in every respect correct". Oh, yes? How then did the final court rip Judge Greenwood, with his clarity and care, together with his-law-in-every-respect-correct, into fairly small pieces? And what about Judge Greenwood's charming comment "Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, you cannot expect Mr Cox [prosecutor] to ride around on his bicycle, in the PLO camps of the Lebanon, looking for evidence against Mr Berry"? Was this not as clear as an admission that there was no evidence against Mr Berry, as indeed there wasn't?

More of his lordship; how's this? "A person who embarks on activities of the kind upon which the respondent embarked without first making sure that if challenged he can discharge the burden which the state casts upon him, has only himself to blame in the event of his subsequent conviction." That can only mean that such a person is guilty until proven innocent — turning on its head the long-cherished maxim that the accused is innocent until proven guilty.

When what I may call the Roskill disaster-court was dealing with the Berry case, there were four more law lords on the programme. Only Lord Roskill delivered a judgment, and the other four were content to agree. ("I have had the advantage of reading in draft the speech of my noble and learned friend, Lord Roskill. I agree with it . . .") Perish the thought that the four silent ones should be too shy to stand up and be counted; I give their names: Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Scarman, Lord Diplock and Lord Brandon of Oakbrook.

But now I must turn to what I might call the high-wire, no-net, version — that is, the delicate job, in the final acquittal of Berry, of admitting that he should never have been convicted, while avoiding the conclusion that of the 13 judges who originally dealt with the case, ten were a pack of hopeless nincompoops. To this delicate task, the Lord Chief Justice in person was willing to apply himself.

Before I comment on the get-out, there is something I have to say, and say with no qualifications. There are many people in this country, ordinary people with no prejudice against judges, who will be convinced, as they have been convinced with the Guildford Four, the Birmingham Six, the Maguire Seven and the rest of the wrongly imprisoned men and women, that the judges have been putting them away (for decades, in some cases) while suspecting or even knowing them to be innocent. Crazy? After all, apart from the dreadful things that have happened in the Court of Appeal, juries are almost as much to blame. But however illogical these dangerous beliefs are, they are held passionately, and it is the blunders of the courts these two or three decades past, in which innocent after innocent has been banged up for years, that have so loosened the bonds of respect for our judges among the laity that such beliefs can gain ground.

When it fell to the Lord Chief Justice to engineer the retroactive acquittal of Mr Berry, would you believe that our almost brand-new Lord Chief Justice, obviously and rightly working to repair the disrespect his profession has accrued, most particularly at its highest levels, can rattle off nothing much stronger by way of criticism than "we repeat our regret that it has taken so long for the matter to be concluded and that, in the interim, the appellant has served the sentence imposed"? By the wig of Pufendorf, what was he afraid of that he couldn't bring himself to say anything more than that wretched little sentence? And could he not have had a severe word or two for the ten judges who got it wrong, and wrong, and wrong again?

The terrible truth is that, on the whole, our highest benches are sat upon by judges who suffer from tunnel vision, *and who do not know that they do*. Our judges are not bad men; they are not careless; they are not lazy; most are not even indifferent. But the accusation which they hate more than anything else (because, of course, it is the most true) is that they do not understand the world outside their suffocating legal atmosphere.

And that is where we must put the finger in the dyke. We must — *must* — have a lay element in the High Courts, figures who have no connection with the legal professions — real human beings, not the assessors who exist now — who will sit beside the judges, and will politely point out when My Lord starts jabbering that he is *functus officio* that on the contrary he is *non compos mentis*.

It can be done, as witness the alarm among the trio of Bumkiss, Lickspittle and Crawler, who are hurrying to the side of the judges, laughing their mirthless laugh, and saying that Levin's heart is in the right place, but unfortunately he doesn't understand the law.

Well, here's a test. Of the ten judges who got it wrong (I forbear — no I don't — to say again that Mr Berry should never have been convicted), one or two might be dead by now, peace to their souls; but the others are still on deck, some, perhaps, still active. It is agreed that none of them had *mens rea*, so I now offer them a challenge: have they — has any of them — the courage to apologise, with dignity, publicly and properly, to Mr Berry? I am sure that the Editor of *The Times* would give space to such a gesture; and if they *all* flee from the challenge, well, it will be time to start seriously on the campaign for an ordinary man or woman on the bench. Take your time, My Lords.

Football gridlock

AS THE commentators and supporters cry for a new approach to English football after the match which all but put paid to England's World Cup hopes, the BBC is taking soccer commentary back to square one. Literally.

The corporation has rebuilt the mobile commentary cabin used in the 1920s, when football was first on the radio — and it is to be used again. The cabin, where the commentary team would sit, was transported to every important match, and placed on the back of a lorry for a good view.

The BBC has once again hoisted the cabin on to its old lorry for a programme to be screened in December. Called *Back to Square One*, the programme relives the days when radio commentators gave grid references for the ball's position on the pitch. Listeners could check their team's form against a football pitch grid printed for the occasion in *Radio Times*.

"There used to be three people in the commentary box," explains Alan Green, the senior commentator for BBC Radio. "There would be the commentator who said who was passing to whom; then another person would shout out the grid references to show where the ball had gone, and there was always a blind man in the box who gave the commentator a nudge if he couldn't understand what was going on."

● *"Great are the responsibilities in the long and arduous task of nurturing talent and producing scholars." Who says? The education minister of Singapore, Lee Yock Suan, who presented his British counterpart, John Patten, with a 6ft scroll bearing these words of wisdom on a visit this week. Patten has taken the words to heart. The text has already been earmarked to be included in a future speech.*

DIARY

Vulgarians' ball

PHONES are buzzing in the Newcastle offices of *Viz*, the vulgar comic for older boys and girls which is steeling itself for what it terms a "star-studded book launch". To ensure that the stars come to help launch two new publications, the comic is advertising for celebrities — and offering money if they show.



Major international stars (such as David Bowie or Mick Jagger) can walk away with £500; important British celebrities (Catherine Zeta-Jones, John Major or Gazza) can take home £250; while well-known MPs are being offered £50. Except David Mellor. "He tries too hard to be a celebrity," explains the editor, Chris Donald.

Staff vacancy

FOR THE first time anyone can remember, one of Parliament's more colourful individuals, will be missing from the State Opening next month, for, sadly, he has fallen ill. Admiral Sir Richard Thomas KCB OBE, better known as Black Rod, who hammered with his staff last year on the doors of the House of Commons to summon MPs, is recovering from a stroke.

In his stead, the air force will take over in the person of the yeoman usher, Air Commodore Alan Curry. Whether the black rod itself will be flourished is not yet clear, but rest assured: the black stockings, breeches, tailcoat and ceremonial jabot will still be much in evidence.

● *Further proof, if proof is needed, that Douglas Hurd, our cerebral foreign secretary, occupies a higher plane than most. He tells* Harpers & Queen's *latest travel supplement that his favourite holiday destination is in China, where he spent a few formative years as a diplomat. "At the top of the Taishan Mountain," he enthuses, "in the Temple of the Azure Cloud."*





Holing out

MARK McCORMACK, the man who made a fortune out of realising that a sports personality was not a contradiction in terms, normally lets his clients — Faldo, Prost, Agassi *et al* — do the talking. But on Tuesday he takes a rare step into the limelight when he formally reopens the clubhouse at Wentworth in leafy Surrey.

Willy Bauer (*right*), who has run Wentworth for the past four years, says McCormack (*left*) was a natural choice — especially with the Toyota World Matchplay Championship starting two days later. "Mark first brought the World Matchplay to Wentworth 30 years ago, so we thought him a very fitting person to open the new clubhouse."

After 18 months in temporary cabins, Wentworth's members get a preview of British golf's most expensive 19th hole on Sunday, when the club holds a gala evening for the Dine-a-mite charity for Britain's hungry and homeless. Some 2,500 applications were made for the 1,000 tickets for the event, for which the oysters will be supplied by Wiltons of Jermyn Street, the puddings by Mosimann's and the cabaret by Bruce Forsyth. With demand so outstripping supply, Bauer feels he may have misjudged the £10-a-head admission fee (one free drink, after which you pay as you feast): "I think the entry tickets are probably too cheap."

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BUDGET AGENDA

Mr Clarke should cut both interest rates and mortgage relief

Kenneth Clarke takes his advisers to Dorneywood today to discuss the outlines of next month's Budget. Despite some surprisingly good news on jobs in yesterday's employment figures, the Chancellor faces a clear challenge. Manufacturing output has fallen in three of the last four months. The signs of deterioration in manufacturing have been reinforced by falling exports, faltering retail sales and reports of torpor in the housing market. Inflation, by contrast, remains lower than in Germany, America or France, while labour costs, the main underlying cause of domestic inflation, are almost static.

Under these circumstances the overriding priority of Mr Clarke's Budget must be to stimulate economic growth. His next most important aim must be to keep the promise he repeated to the Tory faithful in Blackpool, and bring some order back to the government's finances. His third objective must be to ensure that the Budget does not set off a spiral of rising inflation and accelerating pay demands.

There is nothing incompatible about these three objectives. To strengthen the recovery the Chancellor should cut interest rates again by at least a full percentage point, and preferably two. Any reduction in interest rates of less than a full point would probably do more harm than good. It would be seen as a sign of vacillation and weakness.

To deal with the fiscal deficit, Mr Clarke should add at least a symbolic few billion to the £6.7 billion worth of new taxes already announced by Norman Lamont. Beyond that, he should urge his Cabinet colleagues to reopen the agreement they reached last June, which not only set the public spending limit of £254 billion next year quite reasonably regarded as immutable by Mr Clarke, but also decided that spending would remain on a steadily rising long-term trend to 1997 and beyond.

Finally, Mr Clarke should ensure that new taxes imposed next April do not feed into a spiral of wage and price rises. To do this, he should load no further taxes onto consumer items; and he should ensure that lower mortgage costs negate the impact of rising energy prices on headline inflation.

The way to meet all these objectives would be to raise new revenues through a measure which almost every professional economist and politician in Britain would support, at least in private. Mr Clarke should abolish mortgage tax relief, a move which would bring into the Treasury some £4 billion a year in additional income tax.

This reform would be made politically palatable — indeed it would even be quite popular among better-off homeowners — provided it was matched by a sharp cut in interest rates. In the next financial year, mortgage tax relief will be worth a maximum of £480 annually per household. For a homeowner with an average mortgage of around £50,000, this loss would be more than offset by a one per cent cut in interest rates. For anyone with a bigger mortgage, the benefit of lower interest rates would exceed the loss of tax relief. If interest rates were cut by two per cent, virtually every homeowner in Britain would be better off after the abolition of mortgage relief than before.

In retrospect it is clear that Mr Clarke should have cut interest rates early in the summer to keep the recovery going and keep down reported inflation. But Treasury economists felt confident about the strength of the economy and urged inaction. By allowing the recovery to flag, the Chancellor missed his chance to reduce quickly the large part of the PSBR which was caused by recession. Britain will now have to pay through higher taxes the price for his excessive caution. Mr Clarke will not be forgiven if he makes the same mistake twice.

KICKING THE MIRROR

British self-esteem receives another foul blow

The most poignant measure of England's disgrace in Rotterdam this week is the embittered relief, from many who love football, that England has failed to qualify for next year's World Cup. Better, they say, that the team should stay at home than that roving delinquents who masquerade as its supporters should shame the nation yet again at football's most prestigious event. American policemen who had already been issued with special manuals advising them how to deal with British hooligans will also be glad to be spared this thuggish invasion. It is a wretched moment for English self-esteem.

Such bouts of gloom usually prompt a ready scepticism. There is, after all, nothing new about British football hooliganism, which bedevilled the game long before Heysel entered the lexicon. In domestic matches, the incidence of disorder has fallen in recent years. Nor is England's likely absence from the 1994 World Cup any more remarkable than it was in West Germany in 1974 or in Argentina in 1978.

Yet this response to the current malaise misses the point. Sport is mythic rather than rational: it is one of the mirrors that a nation holds up to itself in search of sickness and health. The qualifying matches between El Salvador and Guatemala for the 1970 World Cup were so fraught that they sparked a minor war in which 6,000 people died; Richard Crossman was convinced that the dates of the same championship were a "determining factor" in the timing of the 1970 general election. Teenage English fans will feel robbed of something that can never be restored to them — the sight of their team in America next year.

As a nation's cultural assets dwindle, so the pressure upon its sportsmen to succeed increases. The ignominy of England's exclusion from European club football in the 1980s was perhaps offset by the cachet of other British exports: technology, military excellence, financial services, new theories of markets and the state. But today, the national cupboard seems bare or, at best, dusty with mediocrity. Britain is now better known abroad for the horror of its child murders and its football violence than for its economic prosperity, martial prowess and intellectual vigour.

For a sense of national decline, there are no pat solutions. But it is right to address specific symptoms, particularly when they play an important role in shaping the popular mood. A new manager might improve the prospects of the England football side; but so too would a club system which was better integrated with the international season, which forced the best players through fewer games and which more readily released young talent to play for the England youth team.

More immediately — and much sooner than he would have wished — Michael Howard, the home secretary, must now make good his combative promises at the Tory party conference last week to crack down on British hooliganism overseas. This means greater co-operation within Europe to ensure that offenders are tried in the countries in which they offend, rather than deported without charge. It means tougher restrictions preventing hooligans from travelling overseas. It means giving the police greater powers to break up the organised gangs which meticulously plan their jaunts abroad. Such steps will not restore the nation's pride at a stroke; but they may help to remove one cause of its nagging shame.

REPLACING THE MESSENGER

Mr Major's new press secretary needs more guile

Relations between politicians and the press, as Iain Macleod once said, ought to be abrasive. When the two rub along too smoothly, readers may rightly be suspicious. But since Macleod's day, some of that abrasion has become aggression. The prime minister's press secretary now needs the instincts of a boxer — to float like a butterfly and sting like a bee — if he is to protect his boss from unnecessary depradations.

The job has existed only since 1931. Churchill was the last prime minister to disdain a press secretary, preferring to talk himself to friendly editors. When relations with newspapers started to sour, he had Fife Clark brought in. Churchill may have wanted little to do with parliamentary lobby journalists: Clark managed to ensure that news of his prime minister's illness and stroke was effectively suppressed.

Such deception — however much it might be in the public interest — would be well nigh impossible today. If a prime minister is incapable of performing his duties, few would argue for the public to be kept in the dark. But the decline of deference in political reporting has made the the job of a press secretary correspondingly harder. Sir Harold Evans, who served under Macmillan, is probably the only spokesman of the post-war years who could have coped with today's rough and tumble.

Criticism of Gus O'Donnell, who is leaving the job to return to the Treasury, might have been considered a bonus. He has been charming, perhaps a little too innocent, certainly not as cynical as some of his clients: in boxing terms, not enough of a bruiser. His Treasury background may have led him too often to impute good motives and rationality where neither existed. His replacement Christopher Meyer will, as a diplomat, have had more experience of duplicity. But those who blame Mr O'Donnell for adverse press coverage should look at the message, as much as the messenger. Even that prize fighter, Sir Bernard Ingham, would have had a hard time persuading journalists that the government's record has been good this past year.

Sir Bernard did, however, protect Margaret Thatcher more effectively than Mr Major has allowed Mr O'Donnell to do. At first parliamentary journalists were charmed by the new prime minister's accessibility: but when he started to unburden himself to them, they became disconcerted. As soon as his government ran into trouble, they felt his vulnerability. This sense of his weakness has pervaded description and analysis of the prime minister for months — and has proved hard to dispel. Mr Major's sensitivity to press criticism, which created a circular pattern of response and counter-response, added to the problem. Mr Major has allowed himself to look defensive because he feels defensive. His new press secretary should encourage him to read a



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Variations on the fuel VAT plans

From Mr Peter D. J. Wood

Sir, We have a long tradition that those who have little money pay little tax and those with lots of money pay lots of tax. It is a fair and sensible arrangement and is the basis of our income tax structure and the old purchase tax, whereby luxury goods attracted the highest rate.

If the government is determined to apply VAT to domestic fuels could not a similar principle apply? With electricity, for instance, domestic consumption up to, say, 400 units per quarter could be zero-rated, 401-800 at 5 per cent, 801-1,200 at 10 per cent, and above that at 17.5 per cent. Gas could be similarly taxed and devising a comparable arrangement for other fuels should not be beyond the capabilities of the experts.

Any VAT revenue lost should be measured against the cost of the proposals to assist those in need through the social security network.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
P. D. J. WOOD,
2 St John's Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.
October 13.

From Mr Hugh Muirhead

Sir, Three problems are encountered in the present arrangements for VAT.

1. The 17.5 per cent rate is so high as to encourage evasion wherever practicable.

2. There is little logic in the distinction between those items that carry VAT and those that do not (petrol but not train tickets, renovations but not new housing, theatre tickets but not newspapers), the difference in treatment leading to distortions in consumer spending.

3. The Chancellor requires to raise increased tax revenue, but meets resistance from every special interest group to be brought within the VAT net.

The solution to each is for the Chancellor fundamentally to simplify its application. He should announce that, forthwith, VAT will apply without exception to *all* value-added transactions, and he should set the resulting VAT rate at whatever is required to raise the total revenue he looks for, following the proposed inclusion (net of reliefs) of domestic fuels.

Given the wide range of items currently exempt that would be brought within the net, the resulting VAT rate would be of the order of 10 per cent. This substantially lower level, covering all "shop-purchased" essentials, would also lead to a lower incidence of evasion.

Since the resulting increase in the prices of some goods and services will by definition be compensated by a matching fall in the price of others, this approach has the further advantage of inflation neutrality.

Yours faithfully,
H. S. MUIRHEAD,
Hilltop Farm, Heathcote,
Hartington, Derbyshire.
October 11.

From Mr J. W. Lennon

Sir, VAT on fuel will lead to the increased use of off-peak electricity and a shift to that source of energy from others, in all probability.

As a major supplier of this, the French will scarcely believe their luck at this gratuitous bestowal of trade advantage, giving British exporters yet another hurdle to clear.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully,
J. W. LENNON,
15 Moultrie Road,
Rugby, Warwickshire.
October 10.

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Height challenge

From Miss Helen Bright

Sir, Summoning up all the dignity of my 4ft 11in, I have to say that the Body and Mind feature, "No short answers to height" (October 5), is a lot of rot.

1. I have never been at any kind of disadvantage when "seeking a mate".

2. Many of the Hollywood heartthrobs were and still are average-sized to small.

3. Many well known literary and business women were and still are sprat-sized.

4. Your thesis ignores the entire Asian continent.

5. I would defy anybody to suggest to Margaret Thatcher, a petite lady, that she lacks "an appropriate aggressive drive".

Yours faithfully,
HELEN BRIGHT,
7a Charleville Road, W14.
October 7.

It's an ill wind . . .

From Mr Kevin Carter

Sir, I for one am relieved that England lost in Rotterdam. Now I hope we'll be spared the further destruction of our national reputation that the English rabble would have enacted in the United States.

Yours faithfully,
KEVIN CARTER,
5 Marble Hill Gardens,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
October 14.

European issue still in the balance

From Mr George Thomas

Sir, On October 12 (later editions) you juxtaposed Mr Kohl's comment, "German unity has come and European unity will come too . . .", against Mr John MacGregor's claim, ". . . we are winning the debate in Europe". The ruling of the German constitutional court on the same day made the disturbing, if predictable, suggestion that "democratic legitimation is conveyed by the European Parliament elected by the people" and "that the democratic basis of union should keep pace with integration".

In fact, increased influence for the European Parliament will move really important decisions yet further from the people and will undermine democracy. In the race for power, however, the European Parliament is becoming a safe bet and Westminster a hopeless long shot. What argument do our parliamentary lemmings think they are winning in Europe?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE THOMAS,
17 Campden Hill Square, W8.
October 13.

From Lord Bethell, MEP for London North-West (European People's Party (Conservative))

Sir, As someone who intends to stand as a Conservative in next June's European election, I share the prime minister's hope (report, October 9) that the British people will choose to vote for the one party that rejects European federalism and centralisation.

However, this argument will not of itself persuade people to support Conservative candidates. Our party will also have to convince voters that the European Parliament has a significant role to play in promoting British interests and that Conservative MEPs will do this important job better than those from other parties. If the view taken is that the EP does not matter, then of course people will not vote.

For instance, we should emphasise that our new powers will be used to promote EC laws which help British industry and to block or amend laws which do not. We should also make it clear that we will not ratify the appointment of anyone of Jacques Delors's political thinking as the next president of the EC Commission.

Senior ministers who were keen to emphasise their patriotism in Blackpool last week should also bear in mind the fact that British commerce is now inextricably tied together with that of Continental Europe and that, if there should be any serious breach between us, we would be the ones who came off worse.

There is a limit to how far "foreigners", can be blamed for our difficulties (Mr Peter Lilley's remarks, report, October 7). These speeches are all mentioned in the continental press and, although designed for internal consumption, they can also damage the British position in the EC institutions, when laws are being put together.

As it happens, most continentals now accept Britain's view that it is time to pause and take stock, rather than rushing to conquer new fields of European integration. The government should now be magnanimous in this victory. The European Parliament is now a left-wing body. If we Conservatives win next June, the government will find it easier to press home its advantage.

Yours sincerely,
NICHOLAS BETHELL,
73 Sussex Square, W2.
October 11.

City solicitors

From Alderman Christopher Walford

Sir, As Master of the City of London Solicitors' Company, and as such president of the City of London Law Society, I write in response to the article "Daylight robbery in the City", by Michael Hackett (Law, September 21). The market in the provision of legal services has become increasingly competitive. City law firms, which this society represents, have always been aware that if they are to attract, and retain, the instructions of corporate clients in competition with provincial practices, they must provide high-quality advice at a fee justified by objective standards.

In a business world in which transactions are largely governed by complicated statutory and regulatory provisions, generally have to be undertaken against extremely tight timetables and often have implications which extend to jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom, it is the City law firm, of whatever size, which is able to provide the breadth and depth of experience and know-how.

Of course, these sorts of transaction are expensive; I am in no doubt, however, that the fees charged represent value for money with regard to the degree of risk and responsibility involved.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER WALFORD
(Master),
The City of London
Solicitors' Company,
9 Cheapside, EC2.
October 4.

Defining Jesus

From the General Editor of The New Shorter Oxford English Dictionary

Sir, In case any of your readers think that "a Jewish preacher" is all that *The New Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* says in its definition of Jesus (letters, October 13), I quote it in full.

(The name of) the central figure of the Christian faith, a Jewish preacher (c 5BC-c 30AD) regarded by his followers as the Son of God and God incarnate.

Since many speakers of English are not Christians, we aimed at a wording that does not assume a Christian faith on the part of a reader, and is equally valid for a Muslim, a Jew, or an atheist.

Yours faithfully,
A. M. HUGHES,
General Editor, *The New Shorter Oxford English Dictionary*,
Oxford University Press,
Arts and Reference Division,
Walton Street, Oxford.

Queens on the Clyde

From Mr Neil McCart

Sir, It was good to see a ship being christened at a British shipyard, and particularly so since Her Majesty the Queen undertook the task (report and photograph, Business, October 8).

Her Majesty stated that it was 28 years since she had last visited the Clyde and *The Times* has dared to contradict her, stating it is, in fact, 38 years. Have they both forgotten that it was Her Majesty who launched the flagship of the British mercantile marine, the *QE2*, on the Clyde — 26 years ago, at 2.30pm on September 20, 1967, as reported in *The Times* the following day?

Yours faithfully,
NEIL McCART,
17 Wymans Lane, Swindon Village,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
October 8.

In-flight phoning

From Mr M. J. Hooper

Sir, More than 86 per cent of business travellers are reported (October 12) not to want to receive incoming telephone calls while in flight. Two of our leading airlines are therefore going to install telephones which make outgoing calls only.

A reasonable enough response to customer demand, but could we be assured that a similar percentage of the businesses which employ these travellers and pay for their fares did not want to contact their employees?

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN HOOPER,

Kipling on the map

From Mr Tomo Nomook

Sir, You report (September 29; also letters, October 5, 6, 11) a member of the Oxford expedition team as asserting that "only a handful of foreigners have ventured into Arunachal Pradesh, partly because some of the as yet uncontacted indigenous tribes are said to be hostile to outsiders and still indulge in head hunting". I come from Arunachal Pradesh, and I regard such an assertion as totally misleading and unfounded.

Arunachal Pradesh is popularly known as the Island of Peace and its crime record is one of the lowest in India. The only reason why so few foreigners visit the state is because it is a sensitive border state, with entry controlled by both the state and central governments. Even Indians of non-Arunachal origins are required to obtain entry permits from the state government.

Yours faithfully,
TOMO NOMOOK,
28 Collingwood House,
99-111 New Cavendish Street, W1.

From Dr Richard Bingle

Sir, The suggestion made by your correspondent, Mr C. H. Turner (letter, October 5), that a Himalayan peak should be named after Lieutenant Colonel Frederick Marshman Bailey, CIE (1882-1967), merits support. Bailey's devotion to the north-east frontier regions of India probably harmed his career in the Indian Political Service but benefited the collections in the Natural History Museum and the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew.

In addition to his explorations and his concern for the flora and fauna of the area, he was a temporary spy, visiting Tashkent between 1918 and 1920 and narrowly evading capture by Bolshevik soldiers (see his own account of the episode in *Mission to Tashkent*: Jonathan Cape, 1946). Bailey's widow, the Honourable Irma Bailey, generously bequeathed his papers to the India Office Records, which now forms part of the Oriental and India Office Collections of the British Library.

If the peak is named after Colonel Bailey, perhaps the route to the summit should be marked with the flower that he discovered, the Himalayan blue poppy (*Meconopsis betonicifolia baileyi*).

Yours faithfully,
R. J. BINGLE,
Oriental and India Office Collections,
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197 Blackfriars Road, SE1.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be

Roles of the BBC radio stations

From Mr Crawford Logan

Sir, So the remains of BBC radio broadcasting for children are to be sacrificed to the ravenous beast of news and current affairs in a new regime of cost-conscious accountancy where creative programme-making comes a poor second to joyless grey bureaucracy (report, October 12).

Let's be under no illusions: once the beast has had a taste of Radio 5 it will go on to devour the lot and hey presto! the ludicrous "rolling news" will magically appear.

Those in charge of the BBC say they wish to appeal to a wider audience. Falsehood. By cutting programmes for children and young people, they are casting adrift a whole new generation of listeners, a generation which perhaps more than ever needs to learn the art of listening, such are the myriad visual distractions to which they are subjected.

Over the years I have made my own contributions to schools and children's broadcasting, but I begin to feel that I have never held up my hand to be counted. *Children's Hour*, that pillar of the imagination eagerly embraced by so many children in the post-war years, perished with a shrug of the shoulders. *Listen With Mother* in time became *The Listening Corner*, a five-minute pittance on an FM frequency so obscure few could find it, so providing the perfect excuse for slitting its throat on the grounds that no one listened anyway.

Let's try imagining this heresy: how about a whole hour devoted to children and young people between 5pm and 6pm on Radio 4? The present *PM* programme is simply regurgitated at 6pm anyway.

It's a simple thought, and it would be great competition for *Neighbours* — even some adults might listen and bump up the precious ratings.

Yours sincerely,
CRAWFORD LOGAN,
Wester Craigend,
Polmaise Road, Stirling.
October 12.

From Mr John E. Barham

Sir, I have read with dismay that the campaign to maintain Radio 4 on long wave has not been understood by the governors or management of the BBC. The object of the campaign had been to maintain the "real" Radio 4 on long wave and not have it changed by the inclusion of other programmes considered no longer suitable for Radios 3 and 5.

As Alexandra Frean rightly points out (Media, October 13), the introduction of European-wide digital audio broadcasting (DAB) later on in this decade will overcome some of the problems now facing the BBC and its listeners. I suggest that the BBC should reconsider its investment policy on the basis of the new DAB technology. If this suggestion were to be adopted, a coherent long-term policy for radio broadcasting could be developed without all the aggravation that the present proposals have generated and will continue to generate both inside and outside the BBC.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN E. BARHAM,
Rue Simonis 13, 1050 Brussels.
October 13.

Blows to the head

From Dr Helen C. Grant

Sir, Blows to the head cause areas of destroyed brain tissue and the body's immediate response is an increase in the blood supply to the brain as part of the healing process. This augmented blood flow may well be responsible for the improved intellectual performance demonstrated in amateur boxers after a fight (report, October 7).

So also may the consumption of a post-fight pint of beer, for it is known that a small quantity of alcohol improves cerebral function, probably by dilating blood vessels.

It is also now known — as a result of research carried out by the Royal Navy in 1991 — that amateur boxers suffer the same type of brain damage as professionals, damage which, if extensive, leads inexorably to permanent dementia. But the areas of the brain which are damaged by boxing are not those which are responsible for intellectual performance.

However improved their post-fight IQs are, these young amateur boxers will eventually develop loss of memory, incoordination of speech and movement and finally dementia unless they give up the fight game before it is too late.

Yours faithfully,
H. C. GRANT
(Neuropathologist),
10 Antrim Grove, NW3.
October 9.

Voyages in the mind

From Mrs Gerald Scarfe

Sir, I was interested to read of your correspondents' imaginary railway journeys (letters, October 7, 11). I have written imaginary letters to *The Times* for many years (and had them all published) but, having decided that an imaginary one on the subject of imaginary ones was taking things too far, I have broken tradition by writing a real one.

Yours faithfully,
JANE SCARFE,
24 Cale Street, SW3.

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Act II had no still centre and the his transformation from character tomorrow at 5pm in the Festival Hall (071-928 8800), London SE1

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 14: The Queen this morning arrived at Bridgend Station and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Mid-Glamorgan (Mr Murray McLaggan) and the Mayor of Ogwr (Councillor Kenneth King).

Her Majesty drove to Sony Corporation, Pencoed, to open the new Technology Centre and was received by the Ambassador from Japan (His Excellency Mr Hiroshi Kitamura).

The Queen toured the centre, escorted by the Chairman (Mr Akio Morita) and afterwards unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty later visited United World College of the Atlantic, St Donats, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards RNR), the Chairman, the Board of Governors, United World College (Mr Maurice Webb), the Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan (Councillor Mrs Lorna Hughes) and the Town Mayor of Llantwit Major (Councillor Mrs Margaret Taylor).

The Queen toured the College, escorted by the Principal (Mr Colin Jenkins), and afterwards honoured the Chairman with her presence at Luncheon.

Her Majesty this afternoon visited the University of Wales College, Cardiff, and was received by the Chairman, the College Council (Sir Donald Walters) and the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Councillor Victor Riley).

The Queen toured the School of Engineering, escorted by the Principal (Dr Brian Smith), and afterwards unveiled a commemorative plaque.

Her Majesty this evening opened Cardiff International Arena and was received by the Chairman, Brent Walker Group (Sir Keith Bright), the Chairman, World Trade Centre Wales (Lord Ivor Richard) and Mr John Lord (Managing Director, Cardiff International Arena).

The Queen unveiled a commemorative plaque and afterwards attended a Reception.

Later Her Majesty was entertained by the Rt Hon the Lord Mayor of Cardiff (Councillor Victor Riley) at a Banquet at City Hall.

The Countess of Airlie, the Rt Hon John Redwood MP (Secretary of State for Wales), Mr Robin Janvrin, Mr Charles Anson, Lieutenant Colonel Blair Stewart-Wilson and Mr Simon Gimson were in attendance.

October 14: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, today visited Nottingham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Nottinghamshire (Sir Andrew Buchanan, Bt).

His Royal Highness this morning visited the Boots Company and met members of the Award's Industrial Project in Nottingham and presented an Award Operating Authority Licence to Nottingham County Council Leisure Services.

The Prince Edward this afternoon visited the Customer Service Centre, BT, Walton House, 34 St James Street, and attended a Luncheon.

His Royal Highness later visited Broxtowe Youth Arts Centre, Bradfield Road, Broxtowe, for a workshop given by the Northern Ballet Theatre.

The Prince Edward this evening attended the Northern Ballet Theatre's production of "Cinderella" at the Theatre Royal and subsequently attended a Dinner in the Royal Moat House International Hotel, Wollaton Street.

Mrs Richard Warburton was in attendance.

October 14: The Princess Royal, Patron, this morning addressed a Conference entitled "Research in Practice" at the College of Occupational Therapists, 6-8 Marshalsea Road, Southwark, London SE1.

The Countess of Lichfield was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, British Executive Services Overseas, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting at the Department of Trade and Industry's Conference Hall, Kingsgate House, London SW1.

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended a Dinner for the Fund's Seventy Fifth Birthday Private Appeal at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 14: The Princess of Wales, Patron, the Leprosy Mission, this morning presented Special Service Awards to mission volunteers at Lambeth Palace, London SE1.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon attended the 1993 Business Traveller Awards Luncheon at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

October 14: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, this afternoon opened the Meyerstein Institute of Oncology at the Middlesex Hospital, Mortimer Street, London, W1.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

October 14: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Asthma Campaign was present this morning at the Asthma Gift Fair at the Hurlingham Club, London SW6. Mrs Howard Page was in attendance.

In the evening The Duke and The Duchess of Gloucester attended a dinner, following the opening of the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Gallery of Early Egypt by Her Royal Highness, at the British Museum, London WC1.

Miss Suzanne Marland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
October 14: The Duke of Kent, President, the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, today received Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon visited Ninewells Hospital, Dundee and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Dundee (Mr Thomas McDonald).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, later visited the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council stand at St Andrews Golf Course, St Andrews, Fife and was met on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Fife (The Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, KT).

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Lord Baden-Powell, 57; Sir George Bishop, former chairman, Booker McConnell, 80; Mr H.M. Colvin, architectural historian, 74; Professor J.K. Galbraith, economist, 85; Mr G.T. Goodall, former headmaster, Exeter School, 64; the Very Rev E.W. Heaton, former Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, 73; Sir Julian Hodge, merchant banker, 89; Miss Catherine Lampert, director, Whitechapel Art Gallery, 47; Dame Anne Mueller, civil servant, 63; Baroness Perry of Southwark, 62; Mr Mario Puzo, author, 73; Professor Charles Rees, President of the Royal Society of Chemistry, 66; Mr George Sava, author and consulting surgeon, 90; Baroness Serota, 74; Mr Justice Vinelott, 70.

The Duchess of York celebrates her birthday today.

Service dinner

Adjutant General's Corps
The officers of the Adjutant General's Corps dined last night in their Headquarter Mess at Worthy Down. Major-General S. Cowan, CBE, Deputy Colonel Commandant, presided. Mr J.K. Ledlie, OBE, DUS(PL), Mr T.A. Morris, CBE, QPM, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary, and Commander M.U. Sloan, RN, Captain of HMS Lancaster, were among the guests.

Calls to the Bar are on page 38

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.D. Briggs and Miss R. James
The engagement is announced between Gregory Diarmid, third son of Mr and Mrs Michael Briggs, of Eynsham, Oxfordshire, and Rachel, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Alan James, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire.

Mr T. Fitzjohn and Miss L. Mellotte
The engagement is announced between Tony Fitzjohn, of The Mkumazi Game Reserve, Tanzania, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Mellotte, of Haslemere, Surrey.

Mr D. Naish and Miss H.L. Manners
The engagement is announced between Dennis, son of the late Richard and Martha Naish, of Lewknor, Oxfordshire, and Henrietta, daughter of Mrs Sherard Manners and of the late Commander Sherard Manners, RN, of Petersfield, Hampshire.

Mr T.V. Scholz and Miss M.A. la Hausse Brown
The engagement is announced between Todd, second son of Mr and Mrs Verne Scholz, of Portland, Oregon, and Michelle, daughter of Professor and Mrs Stephen Brown, of Stanton-on-the-Wolds, Nottinghamshire.

Mr H. Winn and Miss R.A. Clegg
The engagement is announced between Hylton, son of the late Bob Winn and of Mrs Lucy Winn, of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, and Rosemary, younger daughter of the late Rev Canon D. Clegg, formerly of Manchester, and of Mrs Georgina Teare, of Boston, USA.

Memorial services

Mr Oleg Kerensky
A memorial service for Mr Oleg Kerensky was held yesterday at St James's, Piccadilly. Canon Donald Allchin officiated. Mr Anthony Howard read the lesson and Mr Bryan Magee read from the works of Shakespeare. Mr Dick Taverne, QC, gave an address. Among those present were:
Mrs Mary Kerensky, Mr and Mrs Stephen Kerensky, Mr and Mrs Christopher Walker, Lord Rodgers of Quarry Bank, The Hon Michael Summerskill (representing The Group), Dr the Hon Shirley Summerskill, the Hon Ivor Lucas, Sir Stephen and Lady Barrett, Mrs Dick Taverne, Miss Caroline Taverne, Miss Suzanna Taverne, Mr Keith Kyle, Mr Noël Goodwin, Mr Nigel Rees, Mr John Faulder, Dr Michael Harrison, Dr and Mrs Maurice Ashley, Mr and Mrs John Percival, Mr Peter Gerard, Mr Colin Prestige, Mr and Mrs Alan Blyth, Mr John Slater, Mr Ben Hooberman, Dr and Mrs S E Smith, Mr and Mrs H Rubinstein, Mr and Mrs Ivan Alexander, Mr David Dougill (The Sunday Times), Mr Jonathan Bolton-Dignam (representing the chairman, Anglican and Eastern Churches Association), Mr Peter Brownlee (Royal Ballet) and Mr Jeremy Jehu (The Stage).

Mr John Murray Todd
The Archbishop of Canterbury was robed and in the Sanctuary at a memorial Mass of thanksgiving for Mr John Murray Todd celebrated yesterday in Westminster Cathedral by Father Gerard O'Collins, SJ, Gregorian University, Rome. Father Robert Murray, SJ, preached the homily and Dom Lawrence Freeman gave the meditation.

Appointments

Judicial Studies Board: District Judge R J Holloway and P F Guggenheim JP to the main board; District Judge Plumstead to the civil and family committee; Judge Coles QC, District Judge Wartnaby and Professor Banton JP to the ethnic minorities advisory committee.

William Hubert Dunn QC to be a circuit judge, assigned to the south eastern circuit.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Auberon Waugh looks out of a window at his former family home in north London after unveiling a plaque to his father, the novelist Evelyn Waugh. The house, an Edwardian villa, was built by Evelyn Waugh's father, the writer and publisher Arthur Waugh. Evelyn Waugh lived there while writing *Decline and Fall* and *Vile Bodies*

Royal engagements

The Queen will visit South Glamorgan County Hall at 10.10; will open the Huggard Centre, Tresillian Terrace, Cardiff, at 10.50; will arrive at Cardiff Castle at 11.20 to hold an investiture; and will open the new Courtyard Galleries extension at the National Museum of Wales at 12.15.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Headway National Head Injuries Association, will attend the Head Injury Services conference at St George's Hospital, SW17, at 10.35.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, will attend the annual board meeting at Kingsbourne House, 229-231 High Holborn, at 11.00; and, as Chancellor of London University, will open the King's College London student hall of residence at Hampstead Campus, Kidderpore Avenue, at 2.30.

Princess Margaret, as President of the NSPCC, will open the society's new centre in Victoria Road, Swindon, at 11.55, and meet members of Swindon Business Cares for Children, who have raised money to fund the centre; will attend a luncheon given by the Nationwide Building Society in Swindon at 12.50; will visit Allied Dunbar Assurance at at 2.25; and will visit the Rover Group at 3.00.

The Duke of Kent, as Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will attend the Simpler Trade Procedures Board luncheon at the Café Royal at 1.00.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of the Haemophilia Society, will open the new haemotology unit at Bradford Royal Infirmary, Duckworth Lane, at 11.00; will present the British Wool Marketing Board's annual British wool quality awards at Oak Mills, Station Road, Clayton, Bradford, at 12.10; will open Eckersley House, St James's Hospital, Leeds, at 2.15 on behalf of the Sick Children's Trust; and will open Daniel Yorath House, Lands Lane, Garforth, Leeds, at 3.20 on behalf of the Disabled Housing Trust.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Virgil, Roman poet, Andes, near Mantua, Italy, 70 BC; Akbar I, the Great, Mughal emperor of India 1556-1605, Umarkot, Sind, India, 1542; Evangelista Torricelli, designer of the barometer, Faenza, Italy, 1608; Friedrich Nietzsche, philosopher, Roken, Germany, 1844; John L. Sullivan, champion heavyweight boxer, Roxbury, Massachusetts, 1858; Marie Stopes, scientist and sex education reformer, Edinburgh, 1880; Sir Pelham (P.G.) Wodehouse, humorous writer, Guildford, Surrey, 1881.

DEATHS: Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac, soldier, founder of the city of Detroit, Castel Sarrasen, France, 1730; Tadeusz Kosciuszko, Polish patriot, Soleure, Switzerland, 1817; Raymond Poincaré, President of France 1913-20, Paris, 1934; Pierre Laval, Head of Vichy Government 1942-44, executed, Paris, 1945; Hermann Goering, Nazi war criminal, committed suicide, Nuremberg, 1946; Cole Porter, song writer, California, 1964.

Feminist calls for saving of religion

By Ruth Gledhill, Religion Correspondent

THE country's leading feminist theologian has called for the study of religion and theology to be rescued from its marginalised state and put back on the academic agenda.

Mary Grey, the new professor of contemporary theology at Southampton university, said theological reflection had "co-operated in its own marginalisation".

Echoing recent comments by church leaders about morality and secularisation, Professor Grey spoke of a "culture crying out for moral leadership, for spirituality."

In her inaugural lecture to the university she said: "The study of religion keeps central for society issues of truth and reality, of ultimate concern and transcendence, as these affect both individual and institution."

Southampton university closed its department of theology in 1981. At least one other university has closed its theology department in recent years, and two of the theological colleges at which Professor Grey was to teach are to have their recognition withdrawn by the Church of England. Her new chair is based in La Sainte Union college, an accredited college of the university.

Professor Grey, a Roman Catholic, argued that theology has a strong future in a secularised, post-industrial and multi-faith society, and was capable of transforming such a society. She said: "For the first time in history, women are permitted to make a considerable contribution to theological education."

Women and other groups, such as black communities, were beginning to acquire voices to reflect theologically in a society where theology itself is severely marginalised, she said. By listening to such voices, theology could be restored "from the narrow role and marginalised position it has come to occupy in higher education today".

Referring to the 19th century Cardinal John Henry Newman's *Idea of a University*, in which he set forth his ideals for a Christian religious education, Professor Grey criticised the "narrowing and even corruption" of what is now considered worth studying and funding at a university. The most remarkable element of Newman's views was "the value placed on perfecting the intellect for its own sake, and not merely as a ticket to a well-paid job," she said.

The task of theology is "to keep vision alive, in a culture which is short-changed on this, giving us only yet brighter visions of Disneyland as our communal dream for the future," she said.

Dinners

Marketors' Company
Mr Robert Heller delivered the annual Dowden Address at a livery dinner of the Marketors' Company held last night at Stationers' Hall. Mr Norman Boakes, Master and Mr Brian Scanlon, Junior Warden, also spoke. The principal guests were the Swedish Ambassador and Mrs Eckrberg, the Masters of the Wheelwrights' and Fletchers' Companies and their ladies.

Chambers of Jocelyn Gibbs and Carl Teper
The annual dinner of the Chambers of Jocelyn Gibbs and Carl Teper was held last night at The Reform Club. The principal guests and speakers were Mr John J. Rowe, QC, the Chairman of the Bar and Dame Jocelyn Barrow, DBE, the Deputy Chairman of the Broadcasting Standards Council. Mrs Jocelyn Gibbs welcomed the guests and Mr Carl Teper proposed the toast to them. The guests included:
Lord Boston of Faversham, QC, and Lady Boston, Lord and Lady Butterworth, Judge Clive Taylor, QC, and Mrs Taylor, Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, and Mrs Dehn, Judge Cooray and Mrs Cooray, Judge Sanders, Judge Rucker and Mrs Rucker, His Honour Evelyn F Monier-Williams, Mr and Mrs Stephen Mason, Mr Jeremy Connor, Miss Daphne Wickham, Mr Matthew Parris, Ms Victoria Godfrey, Ms Dora Belford, Mr Andrew Harman, Ms Tanoo Mylvaganam, Miss Susan Teper, Mr Richard Spencer, Mr Trevor Hall, Mrs Peter Feinberg, Mr Martin Lewis, Mr Nick Trainer, Mr and Mrs Derek Martin, Mr Peter Hankinson, Miss Vera Gouseff, Mr Richard Bowden, Mr Tony Pugliese, and Mr Clive Ince of Lawrence Graham.

FORUM UK
Ms Pam Garside, Chairman, presided at the FORUM UK Annual Dinner held on Wednesday night at the Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly. The speaker was Baroness Denton of Wakefield, CBE, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment, and FORUM UK's President.

Luncheons

HM Government
Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and Minister for Overseas Development, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at Lancaster House for Mr Theo-Ben Gurirab, Namibian Foreign Minister.

Lunchtime Comment Club
Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, was the guest speaker at a luncheon of the Lunchtime Comment Club held yesterday at the New Connaught Rooms. Mrs Joan Fitzwilliams, chairman, presided.

Receptions

Royal Fine Art Commission
The Right Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, opened the exhibition of the three final designs and models for the new Reichstag Building in Berlin, including the winning project by Sir Norman Foster, on Thursday, October 14, at the Royal Fine Art Commission and attended a reception. Lord St John of Fawsley was the host and among those present were members of the Diplomatic Corps and both Houses of Parliament. The exhibition will continue until Friday, October 22, and will be open Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 5.00pm.

Ordnance Board
Major-General C.R.S. Notley, President of the Ordnance Board, received the guests at a reception held last night at Lancaster House.

Lord Dixon-Smith

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BIRTHS

BRINKWORTH - Erica (née Wolfe-Murray) and Malcolm Brinkworth are delighted to announce the arrival of their second son Christopher Rory on Wednesday 29th September - a brother for Faye and Alexander.

CROSSLEY - On 12th October, to Sarah (née Cooper) and Nicholas, a son, James Peter Alexander.

GARSIDE - On 11th October, to Nicola (née Carleton) and James, a son, Robert James.

HARRIS - On August 5th, to Helen (née Thomson) and Christopher, a son, Alexander Michael Mure.

HARRIS - On October 12th in Bristol, to Emma (née Cumming) and David, a son, Alexander David.

ISITT - On October 11th, to Emma (née Jackaman) and Tom, a son, Joseph Charles Bartholomew, a brother to George.

MARTINEAU - On October 8th at home, to Rachel (née Howlett) and John, a daughter, Sophia Catherine, a sister for Vivien.

PARSONS - On October 14th, to Hilary and Anthony, a daughter, Alice Susannah Rose.

PHILLIPS - On 30th September 1993, to Barbara (née Cardy) and Stuart, a son, Barnaby Stuart.

PURVIS - On October 7th in Hong Kong, to Louise (née Keville) and Dominic, a son, Miles Benedict Robert.

SAVILLE - On 5th October, to Susie (née Pinnington) and Richard, a son, Mark, a brother for Giles, Anna, Emma and Lucy.

SUTER - On 26th September, to Tim and Helen Alexander, a son, Leo Martin Bernard.

SWINDON - On October 3rd 1993, to Charlotte (née Rau) and Charles, a son, Jack Simon Richard.

WALTON - On October 8th, to Lee and Helen (née Barrett), a daughter, Matilda Diane Margaret.

WOODWARD - On October 6th, to Shaun and Camilla (née Sainsbury), a daughter, Olivia Mary Victoria, a sister for Tom and Ella.

DEATHS

ALTWEGG - On October 13th 1993, peacefully at his home after a long illness bravely borne, Christopher Louis Altwegg, aged 65 years. 'Pops, you're so special. Special is the word for the love you've always shown. Treasured is the word for the happy times we've known. Thoughtful is the word for the many things you do and Wonderful is the word for a husband, father, son and grandfather like you'. Service and cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium, Worth, on Wednesday 20th October at 12 noon. Family flowers only but donations may be sent to the Cardiac Unit, East Surrey Hospital, c/o Ebbutt Funeral Service, High Street, Limpsfield, Surrey, tel: (0883) 713767.

BERNAYS - On 12th October 1993, Mary, aged 16, tragically following a traffic accident. Much loved daughter of Karen and Richard and sister of Lucy and Amy. The funeral will be held on Tuesday 19th October at 2.15 pm at Chiswick Parish Church, St Nicholas with Mary Magdalene, Church Street (by the River), London W4. If desired, donations in her memory may be sent to the charity she supported, The London Light House, 111-117 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QT.

BLAKE - On Monday 11th October, suddenly and peacefully at home, Thomas Stewart Carlisle. Beloved husband of the late Sheila and much loved father of Fiona. Funeral Service on Wednesday 20th October, details from Swainsons, Harrogate (0423) 504571.

CAMPBELL - On Tuesday 12th October at Castle Douglas Hospital, Evelyn Rose, wife of the late Howard. Funeral Service at Ayr Crematorium at 2 pm Monday 18th October. Donations please to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

DORRINGTON - On October 12th 1993, peacefully at home, William Charles. RIP.

LEATHER - On October 13th, peacefully, Rosemary, dearly loved mother of Mark, David and Sarah and grandmother of Nicholas and Charles. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at Beaulieu Abbey Church on Tuesday October 19th at 2.30 pm. Flowers may be sent c/o F.W. House & Sons Funeral Directors, Lymington, Hampshire.

FITZSIMONS - Anthony Patrick, Major, Royal Engineers (retired), suddenly on October 12th 1993 aged 69 years. Former husband of Eileen, beloved father of Nigel and Janda and grandfather of Nicholas and Christopher. Requiem Mass at Withermarsh Green Roman Catholic Church, nr. Stoke by Nayland, Suffolk, on Tuesday October 19th at 11.30 am. Flowers or donations for Mencap, c/o Kingsbury and Saunders, 61 George Street, Hadleigh, Ipswich IP7 5BW.

FOWLER - P Maurice died 12th October 1993 after an illness. Funeral Tuesday 19th October 1993 at Southend Crematorium 3.30pm. Donations if desired to RNLI.

HADDOCK - Lieutenant Colonel James Rudyerd MC, RE (retired), on October 11th at the West Suffolk Hospital. Beloved husband of Elizabeth and father of Colin and Jean. Funeral Service at St Leonard's Church, Mundford, on Saturday 16th October at 11 am followed by committal at the West Suffolk Crematorium, Bury St Edmunds. Family flowers only, but if desired donations for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal may be sent to Mark Skinner, Brandon Funeral Service, London Road, Brandon, Suffolk.

JENKINS - On October 12th in Tewkesbury Hospital, John Morgan, beloved husband of Unity (née Bush), father of Siani and John and a much loved grandfather and great-grandfather. Cremation private, no flowers. Donations if desired to The Research Institute, Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, Oxted, Surrey.

MORSE - On Wednesday October 13th 1993, peacefully at home after a long illness, Major Norman MacDonald Morse MBE, Coldstream Guards (retired) aged 69 years. Much loved husband, father and grandfather. The funeral service will be held at The Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, on Tuesday October 19th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations, if desired, to Children's Cancer Unit, Royal Marsden Hospital c/o Fredk. W Paine, 26 Crown Lane, Morden, Surrey SM4 5BL, tel: (081) 542-1214.

LYFORD-PIKE - On October 12th in Compton House Nursing Home, Lindfield, Sussex, Marguerite (Margot), widow of the late Wallace James Drewett Lyford-Pike. Funeral on Tuesday October 19th at St Paul's Church, Haywards Heath, Sussex at 10 am. All flowers and enquiries please to P & S Gallagher, Fraser House, Triangle Road, Haywards Heath, tel: (0444) 451166.

MURRAY-SMITH - On October 11th 1993, peacefully in her sleep, Anne aged 90. Beloved wife of the late Captain Harry Stewart Murray-Smith, Royal Navy, and mother of Nicholas, Gordon and Rosie and most beloved grandmother and great-grandmother. Private funeral service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Monday October 18th at 4 pm. Flowers please to F.W. Chitty & Co., 26 Brassey House, New Zealand Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, or if preferred donations to St Mary's Oatlands PCC, c/o F.W. Chitty & Co. Memorial Service at St Mary's Church, Oatlands, Weybridge, on Monday November 15th at 2pm.

PARKHOUSE - On October 13th 1993, peacefully after a brave fight, John Parkhouse CBE aged 66. Husband of Pat and father of Sarah and Jeremy. Funeral Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Wednesday October 20th at 12.30 pm. Flowers may be sent to J. Wagstaff Ltd., Funeral Directors, 227 South Coast Road, Peacehaven, East Sussex.

SHEASBY - On October 10th 1993, peacefully in hospital, Basil Sheasby OBE aged 88, husband of the late Barbara, father of Michael, David and Margaret, proud grandfather of Christopher, Nicholas and Claire. Service at St James Church, Stubbings, Maidenhead, at 11 am on 19th October. Family flowers only but if wished donations to Friends of St Mark's Hospital Maidenhead.

SOMERVELL - On October 14th 1993, Peter, much loved father of Kate. Funeral Service at St Andrew's Church, Fasque, at 2.30 pm on Monday 18th October. Flowers to William Black & Son Funeral Directors, Brechin.

SPENCER - On October 13th 1993, Dorothy, wife of the late Ralph Thornton Trevelyan Spencer. Funeral Service Monday October 18th at All Saints Church, Manfield, 2 pm, followed by private cremation, family flowers only.

TRIMBLE - On October 14th at Meadow Bank, William Steuart of Dalston, Cumbria, aged 91 years. Beloved husband of Mary and much loved father of Daphne, Valerie and David. Service at St Michael's Church, Dalston, on Wednesday 20th October at 2.30 pm.

TWIST - Justin Michael Shelley, suddenly, aged 33, a much loved son and brother. The funeral has taken place.

UNDERHILL - On 13th October 1993, peacefully in his sleep at Westhampnett Nursing Home, Harry Rodney, aged 76. Will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Service at St Mary's Church, Lavant, on Wednesday 20th October at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. All enquiries to Edward White and Sons, Chichester, tel: (0243) 782136.

VINTON - Alan, M.C., on 14th October peacefully. Deeply missed by wife Anne and daughters Pamela and Angela. Service at Amersham Crematorium Wednesday 20th October 4.30 pm.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

TURNER - Brigadier Dame Margot DBE, RRC. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Dame Margot Turner will be held at The Royal Garrison Church of All Saints, Aldershot, on Wednesday 8th December 1993 at 2.30 pm. Friends wishing to attend must apply for tickets by 30th November 1993 to The Commandant, QARANC Training Centre, Royal Pavilion, Farnborough Road, Aldershot, GU11 1PZ.

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BRIGADIER ARTHUR EAGGER

Brigadier Arthur Eagger, CBE, TD, an early authority on airborne operations and industrial health, died on October 8 aged 95. He was born on March 14, 1898.



ARTHUR EAGGER was responsible for the medical facilities at Arnhem in the second world war. As Deputy Director Medical Services (DDMS) of the 1st British Airborne Corps he was deeply involved in the whole operation of Market Garden. Its objective in September 1944 was to capture three bridges in occupied Holland, so accelerating the pace of the allied advance into Germany and shortening the war.

The American 82nd and 101st airborne divisions successfully took and held the bridges at Eindhoven and Nijmegen, but that at Arnhem was to prove "a bridge too far".

Eagger's contribution in planning the evacuation and treatment of the wounded during Market Garden was recognised by the Americans who awarded him the US Bronze Star. The citation paid particular tribute to his tact, energy and foresight in making use of local Dutch facilities. It added that his efforts had saved "hundreds of lives".

His promotion earlier that year to DDMS (in effect the 1st Airborne Corps' chief medical officer) reflected Eagger's considerable experience, not only in medical planning but in the front line. A Territorial Army officer in the 1930s, he had been called up at the outbreak of the war and had served in the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) in France, before being evacuated at Dunkirk.

After a brief posting as senior medical officer 1st Royal Marine Brigade, he joined the Airborne Corps in the following year and nearly lost his life in the Sicily landings. The pilot towing his glider from North Africa released it too early, ditching Eagger and a number of others in the sea. For hours they clung on to the airframe until that sank, then stayed afloat in their life-jackets before being picked up by the Royal Navy. Eagger subsequently served in Sicily dressed as a sailor — though with the airborne forces red beret perched on top. He was then diverted from the Mediterranean to India, to help train the Indian airborne medical teams, returning in time to take part in the planning for Market Garden.

Arthur Austin Eagger, known to the RAMC and to medical colleagues as "the Boss," was born in Wei-Hai-Wei, North China, the son of Scottish missionaries, and was always intensely proud of his Scots ancestry. He returned to Scotland for his education, at Robert Gordon's College, Aberdeen, then at Aberdeen University where he read medicine.

The first world war interrupted his studies, however. Commissioned into the 6th Battalion of the Gordon Highlanders, he served with the infantry in France where he was wounded in March 1918. He did not return to his battalion until December — one month before he was demobilised.

Having gone back to university, Eagger graduated in 1922 and worked as a house surgeon at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital before becoming a general practitioner in Wadebridge, North Cornwall. But in 1928 he returned to Exeter to become senior partner in a practice there, where he stayed until 1939.

In 1946 he returned to Exeter, only to move 12 months later to Slough as the first medical director of the new Slough Industrial Health Service, the first of its kind in the country. Eagger had become interested in industrial medicine and public health before the war, when he had also been consulting surgeon to Exeter District Nursing Association and medical officer to the Exeter Gas, Light and Coke Company.

In Slough he created and developed an occupational health and rehabilitation service for firms in the area. About fifty companies took part in the original scheme but the number had risen to more than 300 by the time he retired in 1963. Mobile clinics which toured the smaller local works were among the pioneering schemes he introduced.

He wrote for a number of specialist medical journals, both before and after retiring, on such subjects as industrial resettlement and health in the factory. Returning to Devon shortly after retiring from Slough, he was frequently consulted, both on industrial medicine and airborne medical operations. He also travelled extensively — despite a heart condition which troubled him throughout his retirement.

Arthur Eagger's first two wives died. He is survived by his third wife Barbara whom he married in 1948 and by three sons, two by his first marriage and one by his second.

JOHN FLETCHER

John Fletcher, CBE, solicitor, died on October 5 aged 87. He was born on November 17, 1905.

JOHN FLETCHER — Jack to his partners and friends — was a solicitor who inspired great affection and confidence in his clients, of whom there was a wide variety, but his lasting memorial is the foundation which runs Dorneywood, the residence of a senior cabinet minister, chosen by the prime minister. It is a minor Chequers, as it were, and is the pleasant brick house near Slough (but apparently in the depths of the country) given to the nation by Lord Courtauld-Thomson.

Jack Fletcher was his executor and had been managing trustee of the foundation following the wartime gift of the property in 1942, which was supplemented by a charitable trust in Lord Courtauld-Thomson's will. As a result, since 1955 some 14 Secretaries of State have enjoyed the use of the house and gardens. The longest in tenure, and consequently the most appreciative, have been the Lords Home and Whitelaw. For his work in connection with Dorneywood, Jack Fletcher was appointed CBE in 1964.

John Brett Fletcher was born in Moseley, Birmingham, the son of Cyril Ottley Fletcher, a Birmingham businessman, and Eileen Brett. After school at Stonyhurst, he read law at Trinity College, Oxford, was president of the university Newman Society, was an Occasional in hockey for which, along with cricket, he always showed great enthusiasm, and took his degree in 1926. He was then articled to Sir Charles Russell, qualifying in 1929.

He was made a partner of Charles Russell & Co in 1939 but as he had joined the 3rd Battalion London Scottish TA in 1938, and was immediately commissioned into the regiment at the outbreak of war,



he was unable to take up his partnership for six years. He served at Brigade HQ during the blitz, followed by service in North Africa and Italy until the end of the war, rising to the rank of major. He was appointed MBE and was mentioned twice in dispatches.

After returning to law practice with Charles Russell & Co, where he remained throughout his career, he became adviser and often trustee to many, including such remarkable figures as Nubar Gulbenkian, "Mr Five per cent," who used to turn up at the firm's rather Dickensian offices, in those days in Norfolk Street, in his celebrated converted wicker-work taxi.

Jack Fletcher was a solicitor of the old school, cautious, correct, honourable, and kind. He set high standards for himself and his staff. He was especially helpful when clients were in difficulty. He took endless trouble over their affairs and was particularly vigilant to keep confidences.

He remained young at heart, taking a keen interest in the younger members of the firm who held him in great affection. He nearly always wore a bow tie, on high days that of the Garrick Club, and also sported the half-moon spectacles so desirable in a senior partner for added gravitas. Articled clerks, who took appointments elsewhere on qualifying or afterwards, formed a club with the motif of the half-moons as its badge in his honour.

Perhaps Jack Fletcher never expected to be the senior partner of Charles Russell & Co but he succeeded to this position in 1965 after the sudden death of his predecessor and presided over the firm and its move to Lincoln's Inn until he retired in 1971, after which he became a consultant. In retirement he lived in Farnham, Surrey.

A devout Roman Catholic, and very happily married to Margaret for over 50 years, Jack Fletcher was proud of his family of four children who survive him together with his wife.

DENIS KEEGAN

Denis Keegan, businessman and Conservative MP for Nottingham South, 1955-59, died on October 9 aged 69. He was born on January 26, 1924.



IN THE House of Commons of 1955-59 there was a small band of Conservatives — held together by the then young Tory MP for Gravesend, Peter Kirk — who regularly voted for the abolition of capital punishment. Denis Keegan, who sat for Nottingham South, was one of their number, regularly risking the wrath of the whips by voting alongside Sydney Silverman in the division lobbies. Together with the other Tory rebels he did not, however, withhold his support from the government's eventual compromise Homicide Bill of 1957.

A surprise victor in the 1955 general election, when the Conservatives under Sir Anthony Eden increased their majority to 60, Keegan had previously been a member of the Nottingham City Council. He was, though, an unrepresentative local politician, being cosmopolitan in his outlook and liberal in his instincts. At a time when right-wing figures on the Tory benches, such as Sir Cyril Osborne, the MP for Louth, were crying out for control of Commonwealth immigration he came out in principle against such restrictions (the eventual Commonwealth Immigrants Act was passed into law well after he had left the Commons).

Denis Michael Keegan was the son of a member of the old Indian Civil Service and was educated at Oundle and Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. He returned from there to serve in the second world war as a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm. In 1950 he was called to the Bar by Lincoln's Inn and practised in Nottingham where he was elected to the city council in 1953. He played an active part in wider affairs, serving on the National Council of Social Service and joining the Home Office's advisory panel on juvenile delinquency.

While still an MP he took up an appointment as director of the Radio and Television Retailers' Association. In the early days of the arrival of commercial television — and at a time of a great increase in the sale of TV sets — this proved very much a full-time job and there was regret, if little surprise, when in 1958 he announced that he would not be contesting Nottingham South at the next election.

He later went into business, becoming general manager of the Mercantile Credit Company, 1975-83, and a director of HP Information — a public relations firm dealing with hire-purchase — of which he became chairman in 1984. His last years, clouded by ill health, had been spent in retirement.

Keegan was three times married. He is survived by his wife Ann, whom he married in 1972, and three sons.

EDWARD NICOLL

Edward Nicoll, CBE, orthopaedic surgeon who pioneered rehabilitation services for miners in the 1930s, died on October 3 aged 90. He was born on March 3, 1903.

IN THE 1930s, the Midland colliery owners became aware that their injured coal-face workers were often treated inadequately, and Edward Nicoll was asked to establish a fracture clinic at Mansfield General Hospital to tackle the problem. So began his lifelong work with trauma and orthopaedic surgery.

His next step was to develop a rehabilitation unit for miners at Berry Hill Hall, near Mansfield, in 1939. There were no similar units in England at the time and the scheme succeeded beyond all expectations. During the second world war it was vital for workers in industry, and service personnel, to be made fit as soon as possible after injury. The concept of rehabilitation thus became widely accepted.

The Ministry of Power requested the Miners' Welfare Commission to provide similar centres in the major coalfields. Nicoll was consulting surgeon to a committee formed to undertake this task, and eight centres were established throughout the United Kingdom by 1948.

Born in Cumberland, Edward Alexander Nicoll went to Cambridge University and St George's Hospital, London, qualifying as a doctor in 1926. After a few years in general practice, he began his surgical career when he was appointed Resident Surgical Officer in Mansfield in 1929. He remained there for the rest of his working life.

With the advent of the National Health Service in 1948, Nicoll gave up general surgery and was appointed consultant orthopaedic surgeon at Mansfield General Hospital and the Royal Hospital, Chesterfield, where he created first-class accident services. His reputation grew rapidly and he contributed many important papers to orthopaedic journals. Most were on trauma, and he made original observations on fractures of the spine. His report of the results of conservative treatment in a very large series of fractures of the tibial shaft remains a benchmark against which the results of operative treatment are still compared.

Retirement from the National Health Service in 1967 marked a change of direction as he gave up operative surgery, but his energy and enthusiasm were undiminished. After moving to Cuckney, a village in Nottinghamshire, he created a superb water-garden which was later opened to the public under the National Gardens Scheme. At the same time, he became the first director of postgraduate education at the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board and Sheffield University, and the English editor of an Italian orthopaedic journal, learning to read Italian.

He travelled widely, lecturing on orthopaedic surgery in the United States, Brazil, South Africa and in many European countries. His outgoing personality and his penetrating approach to orthopaedic problems brought him many friends wherever he went. He is survived by his wife, one son and two daughters.

RONNIE ALDRICH



Swinging in the wartime sunshine: The Squadronaires at an open-air photocall "at a certain airport, somewhere in England" in July 1940

Ronnie Aldrich, pianist, arranger and musical director, died in Clatterbridge, Cheshire, on September 30 aged 77. He was born in Erith, Kent, on February 15, 1916.

THE Squadronaires (officially titled the RAF No 1 Dance Orchestra) were the best-known British dance and jazz band of the 1940s and much of their reputation was due to their pianist, arranger and (eventually) leader, Ronnie Aldrich.

The band was the brainchild of Squadron Leader R. P. O'Donnell, leader of the RAF Central Band, who proposed to bandleader Les Brannelly that, since many of the country's leading dance-band musicians were to be called up, it would make sense to co-ordinate their enrolment into an RAF band to play for service personnel and help the war effort.

With a core of recruits like Tommy McQuater and George Chisholm from the Ambrose orchestra, the band had the pick of British jazz and dance band players, and their early radio appearances earned enthusiastic reviews, a January 1941 broadcast being described by the *Melody Maker* as "the greatest dance band performance that has ever been broadcast this side of the Atlantic".

Aldrich appeared on their first recording, "That's A-Plenty" in June 1941, and he went on to make dozens more records with the band, as well as appearing in a dance sequence in the 1943 film *The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp*.

Much of the Squadronaires' success was due to their extraordinary versatility. Early recordings included big band dixieland, like "South Rampart Street Parade" and outright swing like Mel Powell's "Mission to Moscow". A smattering of patriotic pieces like "Anchors Aweigh" jostled with Aldrich's feature "Cow-Cow Boogie" (also starring the singer and guitarist Sid Colin). Aldrich wrote the band's arrangement of Spike Hughes's "Donegal Cradle Song", which was one of their most acclaimed recordings. He became leader in 1951, when the band continued after the war, and continued to direct it until it finally broke up in 1964.

Ronnie Aldrich had learnt the piano as a child, and also studied the violin (attending the Guildhall School of Music). His early career was as a violinist in pier and theatre orchestras but this gradually gave away to a specialisation on the piano.

During the "trad jazz" boom of the late 1950s, Aldrich recorded with his eight-piece Squadcats, unashamedly trading on the reputation he had built up for dixieland dance music with the Squadronaires, but adding the saccharine tones of the celeste to "Petite Fleur" (then in vogue in the hit version by Chris Barber and Monty Sunshine). In the 1960s he directed studio orchestras for radio and television, his name frequently appearing in the credits for programmes such as the *Benny Hill Show*. His orchestral cover versions of hit songs were often played on the BBC Light Programme, and he made a number of records of "easy listening" with the London Festival Orchestra.

Aldrich moved to the island of Strathallen, off Port St Mary, Isle of Man, but continued to work in London, remaining a lifelong member of the London branch of the Musicians Union.

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SCALA THEATRE

"THE GANG SHOW"

This is only the third London Scout *Revue*, but already these amazing entertainments have a tradition of their own. Amazing, because of the high standard they set for themselves and their success—on Saturday night there was only one failure—in living up to it. Nobody need go to the Scala indulgently prepared to put up with some amateurish efforts to amuse for the sake of a good cause—the work is professional to a degree and professional in the best sense of the word. There are actually 27 turns in the *revue*, some of them requiring elaborate scenery and dresses, but there is not one moment's delay from beginning to end, and no sooner has the curtain fallen on one scene than it rises on the next.

Only once, in a sketch called "Private Showing" does the satire lack edge or the humour point. "The Gang" are delightfully ready to laugh at themselves as much as at anything else, and even when a situation, such as the garden party at which the vicar is making the facetious remarks of convention, seems to be drifting toward the feeble and the uninspired, some unexpected circumstance occurs to turn what looked like being a failure into a triumphant success. It is not all comedy, however, and "Rule Britannia," which shows a small boy on the deck of the Victory creating for himself the scenes of Nelson's death and victory at Trafalgar, avoids the more embarrassing kind of sentimental patriotism and is genuinely moving and impressive.

Good as the sketches and the individuals are, the pride and the glory of "The Gang Show" is the chorus-work. This is quite magnificent, singing and physical movement are perfectly in harmony, and the producer knows precisely how to get the effect at which he is aiming. The cast is anonymous and, since team work is the secret of "The Gang's" success, it may seem invidious to single out any one individual, but "A Holborn Rover" has brought publicity on himself by doing so much off his own bat and doing it so well. "Book, Music, and Lyrics by 'A Holborn Rover'"; "Entire Production by 'A Holborn Rover'". Really! "A Holborn Rover" will, if theatrical managers know their business, be soon offered every kind of contract, but, before he signs, he must insist on a clause that will leave him free to produce "The Gang Show" again next year.

The entire proceeds of the *revue*, which is to run till Saturday, will be devoted to the development of the London Scouts Camping Ground at Downe.

MR WILLIE CLARKSON

Mr Willie Clarkson, the theatrical wig-maker and costumier, died from a stroke early on Saturday in the flat above his business premises in Wardour Street, W.

Clarkson had a flair for wig-making. He supplied wigs not only to actors and actresses, but to many notable persons outside the theatrical profession. Although more famous as a *perruquier*, he also designed and supplied costumes for many productions, for military tournaments and for important fancy dress balls.

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The Gang Shows created by the enthusiastic Ralph Reader, (1903-1982), who had had West End experience in revues and musical shows, were extremely popular and many people who had never been Scouts knew the show chorus: "Riding along on the Crest of a Wave".

Act II had no still centre and the his transformation from character tomorrow at 5pm in the Festival Hall (071-928 8800), London SE1

THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Howard attacks legal liberals

■ Michael Howard, the home secretary, confronted Lord Woolf and the liberal penal establishment by trumpeting his determination to forge ahead with tough law and order measures and brusquely rejecting their criticisms. The country could not afford to be "starry-eyed about crime and punishment", and Mr Howard strongly defended his plans to send more offenders to jail..... **Page 1**

Britain 'bucking recession'

■ David Hunt, the employment secretary, hailed a 13,600 fall in the jobless tally as evidence that Britain was bucking the recessionary trend across Europe and that unemployment was on a downward path. The United Kingdom was profiting from the decision to stand aside from the social chapter of the European Community..... **Pages 1, 2, 19, 23**

Haiti conflict

The justice minister of Haiti was shot dead, as the country's military strong men looked determined to wreck a UN-brokered accord on restoring democracy in the face of fresh sanctions. President Clinton has set the stage for a showdown with the leadership of the Caribbean nation, including a sea blockade. .... **Pages 1, 12**

Allitt confesses

The families of the victims of Beverley Allitt, the nurse who murdered and assaulted 13 children in her care in a hospital in Lincolnshire, welcomed her admission of guilt on nine charges ..... **Pages 1, 3**

Radio censure

The BBC Radio 4 programme, *Woman's Hour*, made for women by women, has been censured by the Broadcasting Standards Council for an unsuitable and offensive book reading depicting violence against women... **Page 1**

Hooligan apology

John Major apologised to Ruud Lubbers, the Dutch prime minister, for this week's hooliganism in Holland during which more than 1,100 England football supporters were arrested..... **Page 2**

Marked down

Teachers gave a lukewarm response to streamlined tests for 14-year-olds, which ministers hope will defuse the dispute that disrupted schools this summer. Sample papers in English, mathematics and science were unveiled..... **Page 5**

Trimming costs

The size of trees in public places is shrinking as local authorities shun majestic limes, London planes and oaks in favour of shorter species which are cheaper to manage..... **Page 8**

Black Tory quits

John Taylor, the unsuccessful black Tory candidate at Cheltenham in the last general election, took the town by surprise when he announced that he would not be seeking to fight the seat again..... **Page 8**

Crime town

Last year there was a one in fourteen chance of becoming a victim of crime in Britain. In Luton the probability was one in seven..... **Page 9**

Booker protest

Booker prize winners and candidates have been asked to disrupt this year's award ceremony in support of Yorkshire mushroom pickers sacked by the Booker food company..... **Page 9**

Hani killers

Janusz Walus, a Polish immigrant, and Clive Derby-Lewis, a prominent right-winger, were found guilty of murdering Chris Hani, the general secretary of the South African Communist Party..... **Page 13**

Russian press ban

In a fresh move to consolidate the power of President Yeltsin's administration, the Russian information ministry banned 15 opposition newspapers and a television programme .... **Page 15**

Paws for thought on death row

In a bizarre canine parody of the real American judicial system, a dog from New Jersey has spent the last 1,000 days on death row while his case has passed slowly and expensively thorough three courts. Taro, a pet Akita of hitherto unblemished character and no previous convictions, was accused of biting a ten-year-old girl on the lip in 1990..... **Page 12**



Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, with the Princess of Wales yesterday at Lambeth Palace, his official London residence, where she presented special service awards to volunteer workers of the Leprosy Mission

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Nuclear proposal: East Anglia could become the site for Britain's second largest nuclear dump under plans to build a new pressurised water reactor on the Suffolk coast. An application has been lodged to build Sizewell C..... **Pages 1, 24**

Lloyd's boost: A flood of money is trying to get into Lloyd's under new corporate capital rules..... **Page 23**

Market buoyed: The London stock market recovered, gently buoyed by lower unemployment figures, but concerned about flood damage insurance claims. The FT-SE 100 share index ended on a modest 5.4 points rise at 3,086.3. Sterling was 0.8 cents weaker at $1.5141, and 0.2 pfennigs up at DM2.4398 .**Page 26**

SPORT

Canine League: "A bulldog called Matilda will lead the Great Britain team out against New Zealand at Wembley tomorrow, closely followed by Malcolm Reilly, distinguishable by the deeper-set scowl and squarer jaw". Christopher Irvine assesses the Great Britain rugby league coach..... **Page 40**

Off putting: Nick Price's putting problems pushed top seeds Zimbabwe to a 3-0 defeat by Ireland at the start of the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrew's..... **Page 44**

Court princesses: "Royalettes are local girls who dress as majorettes and carry pom-poms. I thought they were raffle prizes." Clement Freud on basketball..... **Page 39**

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East End saga: Mike Leigh's new play, *It's a Great Big Shame*, depicts the occupants of a single house in the East End of London in two eras: the Victorian period and the present day..... **Page 34**

Rock on Friday: The Cocteau Twins interviewed: Pearl Jam's latest album reviewed; and War in concert. Plus the top ten albums of the week..... **Page 35**

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Demob happy

Griff Rhys Jones and Alec Chan play second world war buddies who take their song and dance act into civvy street in a new comedy drama *Demob* (ITV, 9pm) **Page 43**

OPINION

Kicking the mirror

The most poignant measure of England's disgrace in Rotterdam this week is the embittered relief of many who love football that the team has failed to qualify for next year's World Cup..... **Page 18**

A bold budget

By allowing recovery to flag, the chancellor missed his chance to reduce quickly the large part of the PSBR which was caused by recession. Mr Clarke will not be forgiven if he makes the same mistake twice..... **Page 18**

Replaced messenger

The prime minister's press secretary needs the instincts of a boxer to float like a butterfly and sting like a bee — if he is to protect his boss from the depradations of the lobby..... **Page 18**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

The last round but one, in the case of John Berry, was played out a week or so ago with the retrospective quashing of his conviction. The very last round may yet be played out before the European Court; my only regret that the damages he is likely to get come out of our national funds, rather than from the judges who did the things to him that demand recompense.. **Page 18**

PHILIP HOWARD

Memoirs have the advantage that their authors are in love with their subjects. Modern politicians use them to confess the sins of their colleagues and parade their self-importance..... **Page 18**

LETTERS

Listeners are still unhappy with the BBC's decisions on Radio 4 and Radio 5. Other readers discuss VAT on domestic fuel, Kipling and India, and the dictionary definition of Jesus..... **Page 19**

THE TIMES VIEW

The British government is right to keep the pressure on Iran's bloody-minded leaders. Other governments with a tradition of free expression should join in maintaining all possible diplomatic and economic pressure on Iran.

— The New York Times

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



One of the finest Grade I listed stately homes has been bought on behalf of Peter Moores, the pools heir, to house art treasures **Page 11**



The Greek right is amazed that Dimitra Liani-Papandreou is to run the private office of her husband, Andreas, the new prime minister **Page 14**



Graham Taylor, the England football manager, is determined to see out his contract despite World Cup defeat against Holland **Pages 42-44**

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Betjeman's flight of fancy

■ Simon Jenkins recalls a tour with the late poet laureate around the forgotten hamlets in the shadow of Heathrow airport

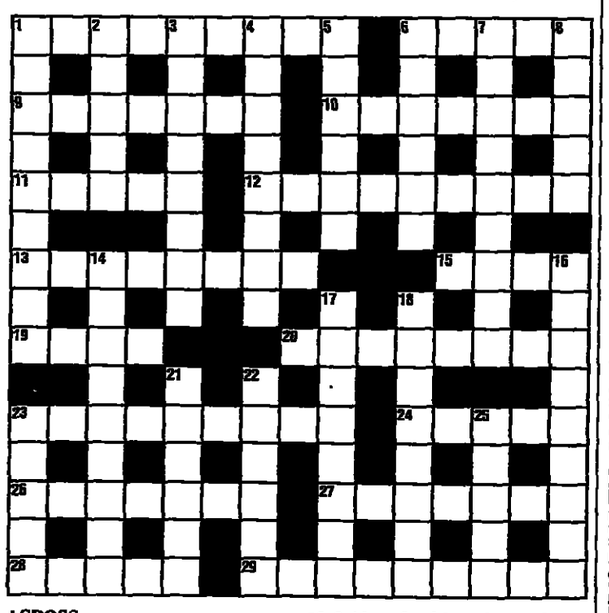
Time to retrace Russian steps

■ In Tchaikovsky centenary year, English National Ballet is taking steps to restore his great ballets to their former glory. Too many trendy productions have distorted their meaning, the company argues

Get back on yer bike

■ In *The Times Magazine*, Jonathan Futrell wonders if the great days of British biking are back as Triumph remakes its marque

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,362



ACROSS

1 Scratch lines on second car (9).
6 Record books always about (5).
9 Car's quiet, to say the least (7).
10 Go out in footballer's strip (7).
11 Clubs showing restraint (5).
12 Golly! Hero in dire straits where junk lurks! (5-4).
13 Former student in scrape round centre of Liechtenstein's capital (8).
15 Space to make fast turns (4).
19 A vessel right astern (4).
20 Fool going after bully? A figure of speech (8).
23 Plastic components used in telephony (9).
24 They say the king cares (5).
26 Welsh musician's dressing-gown (7).
27 By the feel, lattice is broken (7).
28 Subject of article and note (5).
29 Sitting in a garden in a street by a railway (9).

DOWN

1 Super chap, the doctor, attending one in need (9).
2 Measure brown and green light (5).
3 Unsophisticated detective listened to misleading use of words (8).
4 Most powerful gangster could start to yield (8).
5 Couple in Chinese vessel brought up Chinese custom (6).
6 Stranger bore my baby early on (6).
7 Standard trip covers one state and 37.5% of another (9).
8 Scoundrel with non-British accent (5).
14 Associate a talking horse with mischievous goddess (9).
16 Religious housing authority? Nothing new in that (9).
17 Due to artist leaving spat (8).
18 Flaw in camera — it's US (8).
21 Little money invested in obsolescent fastener (6).
22 Young girl meets upstanding gentleman in the ruins (6).
23 It's vital to cope with bird (5).
25 Companion in a far country (5).

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WEATHER

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ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=log; s=sun; sl=sleet, sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	23	73	f	Malaga	19	66	f
Alicante	31	88	s	Malta	28	79	s
Algiers	25	77	s	Melbourne	15	59	s
Amsterdm	9	48	r	Mexico C*	22	72	s
Athens	26	79	s	Miami*	30	86	s
Bahrain	32	90	s	Milan	23	73	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Montreal*	4	39	c
Barcelona	21	70	s	Moscow	15	59	s
Beirut	27	81	f	Munich	13	55	f
Belgrade	28	82	f	Nairobi	27	81	f
Berlin	14	57	r	Naples	24	75	c
Bermuda*	26	79	f	N Delhi	31	88	s
Biarritz	18	68	s	N York*	12	54	s
Border'x	16	61	f	Nice	20	68	s
Brussels	9	48	r	Oslo	5	41	s
Budapst	25	77	f	Paris	14	57	r
B Aires*	21	70	c	Peking	19	66	s
Cairo	31	88	s	Perth	17	63	f
Cape Tn	25	77	s	Prague	18	64	f
Chicago*	11	52	s	Reykjavik	-1	30	s
Ch'church	21	70	s	Rhodes	26	79	s
Cologne	14	57	c	Rio de J	34	93	s
C'phagn	5	41	r	Riyadh	34	93	s
Corfu	24	75	s	Rome	24	75	f
Dublin	8	46	f	Salzburg	14	57	r
Dubrovnik	23	73	s	S F'risco*	18	64	f
Faro	17	63	f	Santiago*	28	82	s
Florence	18	64	f	S Paulo*	32	90	c
Frankfurt	16	61	c	Seoul	20	68	s
Funchal	21	70	f	St'kholm	5	41	s
Geneva	15	59	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	c
Gibraltar	17	63	f	Sydney	22	72	s
Helsinki	5	41	s	Tangier	19	66	c
Hong K	28	82	f	Tel Aviv	30	86	s
Innsbrck	20	68	f	Tenerife	21	70	c
Istanbul	24	75	s	Tokyo	16	61	c
Jeddah	39	102	s	Toronto*	6	43	c
Jo'burg*	29	82	f	Tunis	27	81	s
L Palmas	23	73	f	Valencia	20	68	f
Le Touet	11	52	f	Vanc'ver*	14	57	c
Lisbon	17	63	f	Venice	20	68	r
Locarno	18	64	d	Vienna	24	76	f
L Angels*	19	66	c	Warsaw	23	73	f
Luxembg	11	52	r	Wash'ton*	18	64	f
Luxor	39	98	s	Wel'gton	16	61	s
Madrid	12	54	c	Zurich	13	55	r
Majorca	21	70	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F). min 6pm to 6am, 9C (48F). Humidity: 6pm, 53 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 4.2 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,004.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 10C (50F): min 6pm to 6am, 3C (37F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.0hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 9C (48F); min 6pm to 6am, -4C (25F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 9.0hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.8	0.09	7	45	shower
Anglesey	0.5	0.02	10	50	shower
Aviemore	4.5	0.09	5	41	snow
Belfast	3.5	-	9	48	sunny
Birmingham	0.7	0.51	7	45	rain
Bognor Regis	3.9	0.22	15	59	shower
Bournemouth	0.4	0.99	13	56	dull
Bristol	-	1.84	9	48	rain
Buxton	0.6	0.03	7	45	bright
Cardiff	0.1	0.53	10	50	rain
Clacton	3.4	0.31	15	59	rain
Edinburgh	4.3	-	8	46	bright
Exmouth	0.1	0.56	11	52	cloudy
Folkestone	2.7	0.42	16	61	rain
Glasgow	3.7	-	8	46	bright
Guernsey	0.9	0.25	17	63	cloudy
Hastings	3.0	0.20	16	61	shower
Isle of Man	6.1	-	10	50	bright
Jersey	3.3	0.04	17	63	cloudy
Leeds	0.1	0.08	9	48	rain
Lerwick	7.2	0.12	6	43	snow
Littlehampton	3.1	0.33	16	61	shower
Liverpool	3.2	0.21	10	50	bright
London	0.4	0.58	15	59	cloudy
Lowestoft	3.0	0.56	16	61	cloudy
Manchester	1.0	0.02	10	50	bright
Margate	0.5	0.41	16	61	shower
Morecambe	5.5	0.04	11	52	sunny
Newcastle	2.6	0.13	9	48	shower
Newquay	-	0.01	13	55	cloudy
Nottingham	-	0.42	8	46	rain
Penzance	2.0	0.30	15	59	thundr
Plymouth	1.5	0.09	13	55	cloudy
Staunton Snd	0.5	0.04	17	63	cloudy
Scarborough	-	0.03	10	50	cloudy
Scilly Isles	0.6	-	14	57	cloudy
Shanklin	2.2	0.45	15	59	shower
Southend	2.1	0.39	16	61	shower
Stornoway	6.2	0.09	7	45	sleet
Torquay	1.0	0.44	16	61	cloudy
Wick	6.8	0.03	7	45	hail

These are Wednesday's figures

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 6.38 pm to 6.55 am
Bristol 6.47 pm to 7.04 am
Edinburgh 6.42 pm to 7.14 am
Manchester 6.43 pm to 7.06 am
Penzance 7.01 pm to 7.14 am

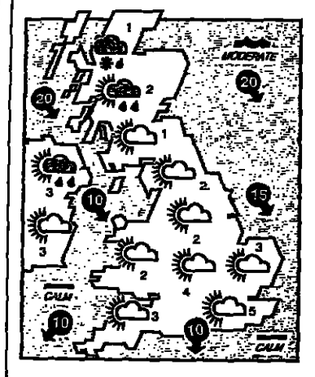
Sun rises: 7.25 am
Sun sets: 6.08 pm
Moon sets: 5.46 pm
Moon rises: 7.26 am
New moon 12.36pm

YESTERDAY

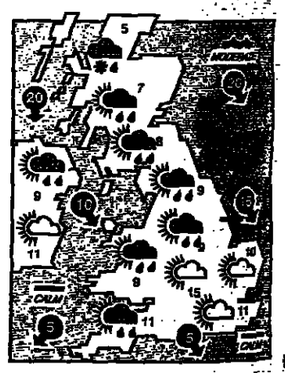
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	9	48	s	Guernsey	10	50	r
B'rmgham	8	46	s	Inverness	7	45	r
Blackpool	8	46	f	Jersey	11	52	r
Bristol	8	46	s	London	10	50	f
Cardiff	10	50	f	M'nchster	9	48	f
Edinburgh	7	45	s	Newcastle	7	45	r
Glasgow	9	48	s	R'ridaway	9	48	f

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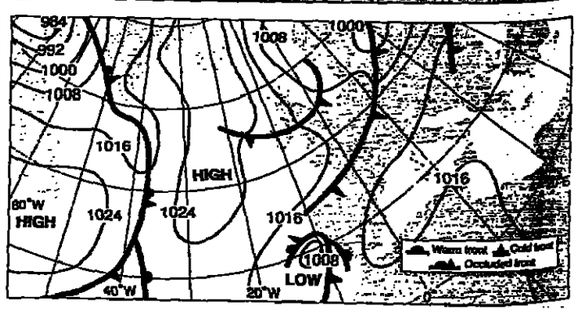
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	2.02	7.4	2.17	7.4
Aberdeen	1.12	4.6	1.46	4.5
Avonmouth	7.38	13.7	7.57	14.0
Belfast	11.20	3.5	11.34	3.8
Cardiff	7.23	12.6	7.42	12.9
Devonport	6.12	5.6	6.29	5.9
Dover	11.16	7.0	11.35	6.9
Falmouth	5.42	5.4	5.59	5.7
Glasgow	12.51	5.1	1.39	4.9
Harwich	—	—	12.13	4.2
Holyhead	10.34	5.8	10.50	6.1
Hull	6.23	7.8	6.57	7.8
Ilfracombe	6.18	9.5	6.38	9.8
King's Lynn	6.38	7.0	7.14	7.0
Leith	2.33	5.9	3.06	5.8

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Liverpool	11.35	9.9	11.54	10.1
Lowestoft	9.31	2.7	10.15	2.5
Margate	12.02	4.9	12.08	5.1
Milford Haven	6.30	7.3	6.50	7.6
Newquay	5.21	7.3	5.41	7.5
Oban	6.06	4.1	6.27	4.4
Penzance	5.10	5.7	5.28	6.0
Portland	7.11	2.3	7.28	2.4
Portsmouth	11.45	5.0	—	—
Shoreham	11.29	5.6	11.49	6.0
Southampton	11.11	5.8	11.29	6.1
Swansea	6.40	10.1	7.01	10.4
Tees	3.42	5.7	4.12	5.9
W'ton-on-Nze	—	—	12.04	4.4

These are Wednesday's figures

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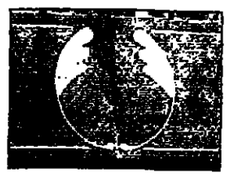
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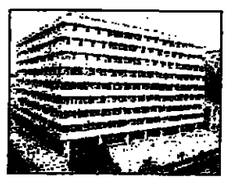


Body Shop wants to expand abroad, and next month moves into Latin America
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STARTING



The Bank of Japan governor starts his last year in office, with the economy in bad shape
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APPLYING

Application has been made for Sizewell C to be built in Suffolk, for which funds will be raised in the City
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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5168 (-0.0062)
German mark.... 2.4398 (-0.0019)
Exchange index ..... 80.4 (same)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3088.3 (+5.4)
Dow Jones . 3615.20 (+12.01)*
Nikkei Avge 20082.81 (+44.41)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank.... 5²⁵/₃₂-5²³/₃₂%
US Federal Funds..... 2³/₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.01-2.98%*
Long Bond 5.86%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.5129*	£:$	1.5125
$:DM	1.6133*	£:DM	2.4381
$:SWfr	1.4225*	£:SWfr	2.1503
$:Ffr	5.6913*	£:Ffr	8.5950
$:Yen	107.43*	£:Yen	162.14
£:SDR	1.0721	£:ECU	1.2905

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 365.80 ..... PM 367.25
Close 364.75-365.25
New York:
Comex 365.25-365.75*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.9 Sept (1.8%)
* Denotes midday trading price



Peter Middleton, chief executive of Lloyd's, will ensure that existing names are given pre-emption rights to any extra capacity next year

Lloyd's changes attract rush of corporate cash

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

■ New rules to allow corporate investment without unlimited liability in the Lloyd's of London insurance market are attracting too many heavily-funded companies

A FLOOD of money is trying to get into Lloyd's of London under the new corporate capital rules, causing severe doubts over whether some of the new corporate companies can find enough capacity in the market to make them viable, according to market professionals.

The traditional names are proving much more resilient than expected and more than £2 billion of corporate capital may fail to find a home in the loss-making market, leaving potential investors with the spectre of receiving income streams based solely on the companies' investment returns in other markets.

The funds, which are being created to take advantage of new rules for Lloyd's investment, are attractive because neither the funds nor their shareholders are subject to the traditional unlimited liability undertaking. However, the new structure favours traditional names in allocating capacity, leaving too little for the new companies.

Estimates for 1994 underwriting year show that names are expected to provide about £7.5 billion of funds, leaving an estimated £1.5 billion for corporate investors. More than 15 corporate capital funds have already emerged with plans to invest more than £3.5 billion, with more to come.

The situation is in stark contrast to earlier in the year when it was thought traditional names would fail to provide enough funds next year. Robin Taylor, at Oakwood Underwriting Agencies, the members' agency, said: "The amount of capacity being sought is far more than the market can adequately supply. The corporates thought they could do a corporate raid but they can't. There are going to be a number of disappointed corporate investors."

Sir Laurie Magnus, at Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank planning to launch a corporate fund, said: "There is a bit of a race to get investors in. The key is to have the capacity."

There is a hard core of good syndicates which everyone — traditional names and corporate vehicles — want to be in on. While most of the vehicles claim to have firm commitments from managing agents for capacity, some are already being turned away.

The need to tie up capacity early is becoming increasingly evident as most of the best syndicates are already full, forcing several corporate vehicles to turn to members' agents with requests to be included in their Mapas, the new pooled investment funds being set up for names.

Those vehicles that fail to win capacity can still go ahead and raise funds from investors in the hope that in 1995 they can gain access to the good syndicates. However, Peter Middleton, chief executive of Lloyd's, has undertaken to ensure that existing names are given pre-emption rights to any extra capacity so new entrants may find themselves unable to join syndicates even at a later stage.

☐ Lloyd's of London's restructuring may improve the commercial viability of the market but may result in a "somewhat less influential insurance market," according to Moody's, the rating agency.

It said that it was not convinced that the business plan would be sufficient to return the market to its former stature and that plans to transfer old year liabilities into a new company could be at the expense of future claimants under the policies.

Recovery hope as jobless total drops by 13,600

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

UNEMPLOYMENT fell to its lowest for a year in government figures issued yesterday, allowing ministers to claim that Britain is "bucking the trend" of rising unemployment throughout Europe.

After a week of poor economic news, ministers seized the 13,600 fall in seasonally adjusted unemployment in September as welcome relief, and saw it as a clear indicator of continuing recovery.

David Hunt, the employment secretary, described the fall, which takes the total drop this year to 84,000, as "very good news". He said: "While unemployment continues to rise generally across Europe, unemployment is falling in the UK and is now below the EC average."

Although the new rate of unemployment is, at 10.3 per cent of the workforce, below the EC average of 10.4 per cent, it exceeds the 6.9 per cent average for Group of Seven countries and the 7.8 per cent for the advanced industrial economies in the OECD.

Frank Dobson, Labour's employment spokesman, called for "government action to get a grip on unemployment, to stop the rot of job losses and to put together an immediate package of measures to create jobs".

Alex Carlile, for the Liberal Democrats, said: "This is still a very low decrease and my prediction is that unemployment figures will now start to rise."

Headline, unadjusted, unemployment — the actual number out of work and claiming benefit — fell by 47,834 in September, to 2,912,130. Taking note of seasonal factors, adjusted unemployment — seen as the best indicator of trends — fell to 2,908,300.

The fall, after two successive rises in previous months, and means that joblessness is at its lowest since last October.

Michael Forsyth, the employment minister, yesterday told a CBI conference that "unemployment is on a downward trend" now, but government statisticians are privately more cautious, insisting that month-by-month figures are too volatile to estimate a trend. They would go no further than to suggest small falls in the total of up to 5,000 in the next few months.

The Treasury would draw no broad economic conclusions from the figures, saying only that the fall was consistent with "gradual improvement" in the labour market since the start of the year.

Unemployment fell in all areas, with the biggest falls in the South East, Scotland and the North West. Unemployment among men fell by 10,200 and among women by 3,400.

Some independent unemployment analysts raised doubts about the figures, arguing that the fall registered in as many as 85 per cent of benefit offices throughout the country was wholly inconsistent with the patchiness of recovery reported by business.

Whitehall officials gave no explanation for the fall, other than to say that unemployment inflows — the number of people going on to the unemployment count — were down by 15,000 in September, the largest fall since February.

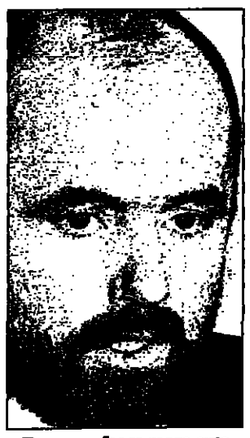
New vacancies notified to JobCentres rose by 3,800 in September, to 189,800 — the most for three years — but employment in manufacturing fell again, by 24,000 in August, to 4.177 million.

Average earnings continued to rise in August at an underlying rate of 3.5 per cent.

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BAe to shed over 1,000 workers

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT



Dromey: fears more cuts

BRITISH Aerospace yesterday announced more than 1,000 job losses at its aircraft and armaments factories.

The redundancies are expected to presage further job cuts as the company struggles to merge or close its unprofitable civil aircraft activities and cope with restrictions on defence spending.

Jack Dromey, national secretary of the TGWU, predicted another 1,000 job losses at BAe's Royal Ordnance subsidiary by Christmas unless the government takes up a bid submitted five months ago to supply ammunition.

The brunt of the cuts announced yesterday will be borne by workers at the Jetstream factory at Prestwick, Scotland, which lost £60 million in the first half. Of the 2,500 employees, 460 staff members and 170 contractors will lose their jobs.

Worldwide over-capacity in regional aircraft manufacture has combined with recession to slash demand for the plant's three turbo-prop aircraft variants. BAe is talking to rival makers in the hope that one will agree to merge capacity. The company was unable to say whether the cuts would return the plant to break-even.

BAe will shed another 160 employees at Blackburn, Lancashire, involved in electrical and electronic work to develop armour. Allan MacDonald, managing director of the Jetstream business, said BAe had to cut costs, but he aimed to preserve technical ability. "I sincerely regret that job losses are necessary," he said.

Royal Ordnance is to shed 350 of its 6,500 employees. The biggest cuts will fall on plants designing and developing rocket motors. About 150 workers will be shed at Wescott, near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire and 70 more will go at Summerfield, near Kidderminster, Hereford and Worcester.

The cuts relate to the rundown of a programme to develop Chevaline missiles to replace the Polaris ones in Britain's atomic missile submarines.

Derivatives are a hedge, but also a hazard



ANTHONY HARRIS

The easiest time to bolt a stable door is when the horses are feeding; but this is also the easiest time to forget to do it. This, broadly, is the thought which inspired Henry Kaufman, Wall Street's senior ex-officio worrier, when he addressed a City derivatives conference yesterday. He argued that this would be a good time to impose some new rules on traders in futures, options, swaps, spreads and straddles, and many more arcane and sophisticated products. The traders, who are feeding heartily at the moment, and have come through recent financial upheavals unscathed, will be tempted to tell Dr Doom to get lost. I wonder, though.

Dr Kaufman points out that the prosperity of the Chicago exchanges, Liffe and their rivals could be a fair-weather phenomenon. Derivatives have thrived on the tremendous growth of investment institutions, and of aggressive risk funds that take on exposures others want to hedge. Indeed, the price volatility they cite as proof of their strength is another source of profit; it increases both speculation and the demand for hedging. Meanwhile, the reappearance of a positively sloped yield curve has provided more gravy for all intermediaries.

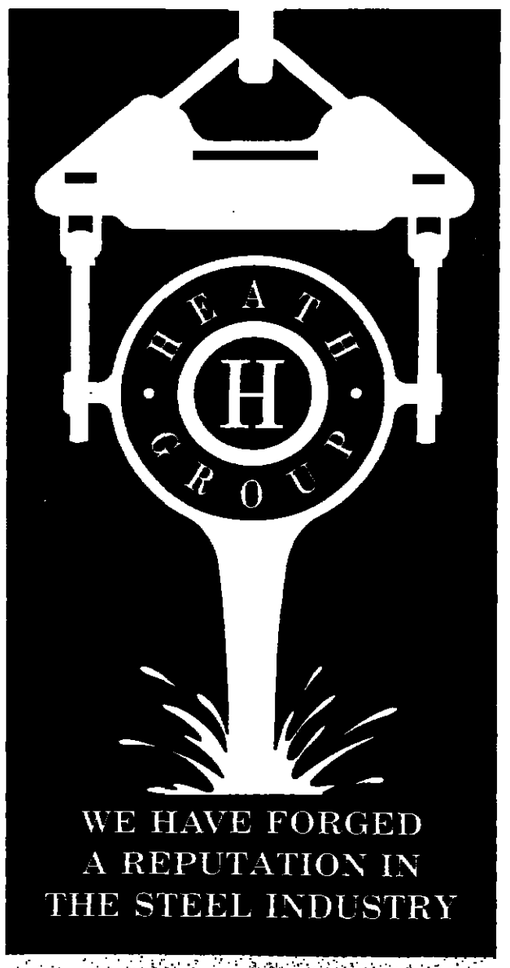
But what if the markets and yield curves go flat? What if the next defence of the ERM wins, and speculators rather than central banks suffer enormous losses? What if some of the markets in which traders plan to hedge their own exposures should turn illiquid? What, in short, if derivatives traders do a Lloyd's, and allow prosperity to make them sloppy about the risks they are incurring? The traders would get no more sympathy than Lloyd's names have done; but if they could not cover their losses, there could be a big hole in balance sheets outside these markets.

Derivatives could then be a source of systemic risk; and that is what regulators are there to prevent. This scary scenario should be easy to refute: a recent heavyweight report from the securities industry's Group of 30 sought to do just that. It is an impressive document, but has two weaknesses. It was produced by a committee headed by Dennis Weatherstone of J P Morgan, easily the best-managed of the New York money-centre banks; perhaps as a result, the report shows a tendency to believe that everyone in the market follows best practice. It claims "major dealers include the world's largest commercial banks — generally well capitalised and sophisticated managers of credit and market risk". Try telling that to the bale-out teams in the Fed, in Tokyo or in Threadneedle Street.

The second weakness is that nobody knows how big the risk is. The G30 report was published in July, but has figures only up to the end of 1991. In this market, that is ancient history. Dr Kaufman's minimum demand looks well based: everyone should be made to follow best practice in risk measurement and reporting, and the authorities should measure the market more accurately and more frequently.

I would also sleep a little easier if I were sure that all the new computerised markets followed in principle the rules that govern the trading pits of London and Chicago: all insiders' books must be squared at the close of each day's business. The growth of these markets may itself be a source of risk. As competition drives down returns, traders will be driven into riskier and riskier territory. "Based on long experience, we can count on it," said Dr Kaufman. This is the best reason for putting sound regulations in place now. There is also a hint of "let me have about me men that are fat". Dr Kaufman hopes regulations will create protected markets in which traders can make good money without being raffish. This looks dangerously like nostalgia for the old clubby days in the markets, probably gone beyond recall.

On balance, though, Dr K's question demands an answer, provided supervisors remember the most important point about derivatives: potentially, they make markets safer. Trade in explicit risk, explicitly priced, concentrates the mind; and in essentially passive institutions such as unit trusts, availability of hedging enables managers to exercise judgment, rather than follow a potentially volatile crowd. The young bloods need proper schooling, but should not be hobbled.



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Johnson: warning

Engineering employers say growth has stopped

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE recovery in engineering output has halted and slow growth will not resume before next spring, the Engineering Employers Federation said yesterday.

Engineering job losses, which had slowed, are surging again, and a further 60,000 of the industry's 1.7 million workers will be shed over the coming 12 months.

The cause, according to the federation, is the unexpectedly deep recession in continental Europe, which has reversed the hitherto rising trend of exports. Because of this reverse and the erosion of Britain's manufacturing base, engineering output this year, at £131 billion, will be no higher than in 1980. In the intervening 13 years, Britain's economy has grown by 25 per cent.

The findings, contained in the federation's twice yearly economic forecast, published yesterday, add to the growing weight of evidence that the recovery has run out of steam. Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, will face renewed demands for his November Budget to be designed to revive industrial growth.

Neil Johnson, the federation's director-general, said that the conclusions were stark, and the situation serious. He appealed to Mr Clarke to "listen, understand and act upon what we are saying" and told him not to become trapped into failing to address industry's needs by Treasury mandarins who were "isolated from the real world" and "totally unspoiled by failure".

Even today, engineering accounts for half of Britain's manufacturing sector and is the country's biggest export earner, generating 35 per cent of revenues from overseas.

But Ian Thompson, the federation's economic adviser, said that the relative contraction of manufacturing would hold back the pace of any general recovery. "The UK just does not have a large enough manufacturing capacity to support rapid growth of the UK economy," he said. Abandoning earlier optimism, the federation is predicting only a 1 per cent rise in engineering sales between the first half of 1993 and the first half of next year. It estimates that sales will rise just 1.8 per cent next year.

British manufacturing companies are taking advantage of a weak currency to increase their share of continental markets, the federation believes. But those markets, which account for more than 50 per cent of exports, are shrinking so fast that overall sales are falling back.

However, imports are gaining ground in Britain, as overseas firms seize the market opportunities abandoned by UK firms that have gone bust or retrenched during the recession. The federation forecast to the end of 1994 sees a 5 per cent increase in the UK market for engineering products, with imports rising by 4 per cent and exports falling by 1 per cent.

In the past 18 months, only two sectors of the engineering industry are thought to have increased their output: electronics and computers, up 5.2 per cent, and motor vehicles, which have recorded a 16.9 per cent growth by value.

Rising output from Japanese transplant factories has helped the UK industry achieve an absolute increase in sales overseas and simultaneously displace imports in the home market, Mr Thompson said.

LBS calls on Clarke to control state debt

BY JANET BUSH
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THE Chancellor should aim to cut public borrowing by between £4 billion to £5 billion in next month's Budget, with a cut of at least half a point in base rates, the London Business School says.

The LBS suggests that perhaps £2 billion to £3 billion could be cut from borrowing by lowering current public spending control totals, which Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, has consistently rejected. David Currie, one of the Treasury's seven independent forecasters, and his colleague Geoffrey Dicks, argue that there is scope to lower the control total because inflation has turned out lower than the government had expected and because of continued tight control of public sector pay.

An alternative strategy on the spending side of the Budget would be to keep controls but redeploy resources within the total from public consumption to public investment, the LBS says.

On the revenue side, Mr Clarke should bring in tax measures to broaden the tax base without undermining incentives, the LBS says. These could include restricting allowances further to the 20p tax rate and perhaps widening the 20p band; further reduction, or even abolition, of mortgage interest tax relief; and further widening of VAT's scope. In the medium term, ministers should consider levying new user fees, notably road charges, and a carbon tax on environmental grounds.

The LBS argues that the Budget should be joined by a base rate cut of half a point, or more if economic recovery appears to be faltering.

The recommendations are based on a forecast of 1.6 per cent economic growth this year and 2.5 per cent next year, with underlying inflation relatively subdued at 3.2 per cent this year and 3.1 per cent by the end of 1994.

Nuclear Electric applies to build new power station

BY ROSS TIEMAN
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NUCLEAR Electric, the state-owned atomic generator, has applied to build a huge new power station despite official forecasts that Britain will have a 45.3 per cent generating capacity surplus by the time it is built.

The application to build Sizewell C, a pair of pressurized water reactors on the Suffolk coast generating enough power for 3 million people, prejudges the outcome of a government-sponsored review of the nuclear industry due this autumn.

Tim Eggar, the energy minister, responded frostily to the announcement, distancing himself from it and declaring that no capital expenditure on the plant would be entertained until the review was complete.

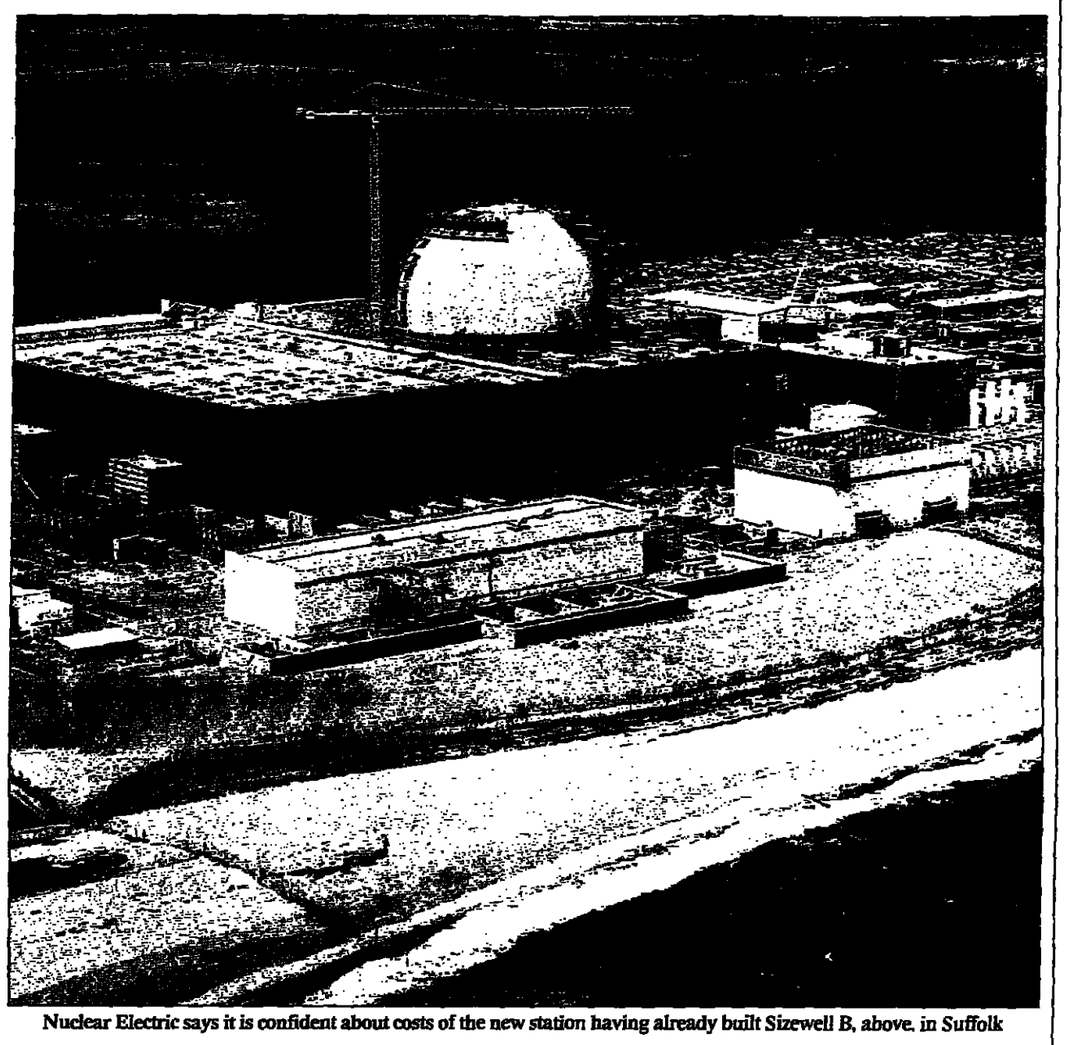
"The decision to submit the application was a commercial one taken by the Board of Nuclear Electric," he said. "The government did not encourage the company to apply now and it has been made clear to the company that government policy on the construction of new nuclear power stations is unchanged."

Nuclear Electric insisted that it was not trying to prejudge the outcome of the review, but wished to be in a position to seek finance and begin construction if the review decided nuclear capacity should be renewed.

Announcing the application, Bob Hawley, Nuclear Electric's chief executive, said new capacity would be needed to replace his company's Magnox power plants by the turn of the century.

Although identified as a single new power station, the plans envisage construction of two more reactors identical to the Sizewell B plant now near to fuel loading.

Despite widespread scepticism about the inaccuracy of past estimates of generation costs by the nuclear industry, Nuclear Electric said it was confident the £3.5 billion plant would produce at under 3p kilowatt/hour — a price which could compete with coal and gas plants. A spokeswoman said the company could be confident on costs because it had the experience of the Sizewell B plant. The company hoped to raise funds to build the plant in the City, she said.


Nuclear Electric says it is confident about costs of the new station having already built Sizewell B, above, in Suffolk

Nuclear Electric said 15,000 jobs could be created during the construction phase.

Simon Roberts, nuclear campaigner for Friends of the Earth, said the application was "the bluster and nonsense of a bankrupt nuclear industry that has failed to deal with its legacy of nuclear waste".

He predicted little enthusiasm to fund the plant by either government or the private sector. "Without massive government subsidies all the accountants in the world could not generate the cash needed to build Sizewell C," he said.

The atomic power industry enjoys a privileged position in Britain. Nuclear Electric receives an 11 per cent levy from consumers' bills to cover decommissioning liabilities, and is guaranteed a market for all the power it can produce. It has increased output to capture a quarter of the power market in England and Wales, forcing coal plants to close.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Timex dispute ends as staff accept redundancy

THE final chapter in the Timex dispute closed yesterday in an atmosphere of bitterness when the sacked workers accepted a redundancy deal but attacked their trade union for its handling of negotiations. As a result of the deal, sacked workers will receive one week's wage for every year worked. There is a statutory minimum payout of £500. The deal means about £1,600 for a worker with ten years' service. The maximum which could be paid out would be £6,150 for a worker with 30 years' service on a wage of £205 a week.

Workers said the package was presented as a take-it-or-leave-it deal and they were told if they turned down the Timex management's offer, the union would terminate strike benefit and legal representation. John Kydd junior, convener of the Timex plant, accused the union's national officials of using "blackmailing" tactics. Strings attatched to the deal mean Timex workers must all surrender their right to take action against the company or take it to an industrial tribunal. In addition, the £180,000 strike fund collected by the workers must be disbursed and not used to attack Timex.

Hunting pegs payout

HUNTING, the defence, aviation and oil group that launched a £36.8 million cash call on shareholders last spring, has boosted pre-tax profits at half time from £13.4 million to £17.7 million. In the market, the shares were marked down 16p to 233p, however, as the City noted the latest figures were flattered by a £5.8 million exceptional profit on the sale of a subsidiary. Earnings per share in the six months to end-June rose to 8.3p (7.1p) and the interim dividend is held at 4p on the increased share capital.

Minister denies talks

ALI al-Baghli, the Kuwaiti oil minister, yesterday denied a report that he would fly to London for talks on allegations that Kuwait misled UK authorities over the purchase of a stake in British Petroleum. Kuna, the official Kuwaiti news agency, quoted Mr Baghli as saying: "We have no intention to go to Britain to discuss this subject." It is alleged Kuwait won more than £600 million in tax refunds to which it was not entitled through its purchase in 1987-8 of a 21.7 per cent British Petroleum stake.

Quadrant fights back

SHARES in Quadrant Group, the restructured video and photographic products company, rose 8p to 40p when it reported a strong return to profit in the first half under the new management team put in place by David Coghlan, chief executive. Pre-tax profits to the end of June were £1 million, compared with a £12.5 million loss. Earnings recovered to 4.35p a share from a loss of 45.47p, but the company has yet to restore the interim dividend. Net assets increased to £9 million from £7.9 million at February 28.

Spurs settles dispute

TOTTENHAM Hotspur, the publicly quoted football club at odds with its former financial advisers over alleged non-payment of bills, reached a confidential out-of-court settlement yesterday. The settlement came on the fourth day of a High Court action brought by Brown Shipley, the merchant bank, which had sued Spurs for £408,845 fees and expenses, plus VAT and interest. Spurs had maintained it had paid Brown Shipley a £25,000 retainer, and denied owing any more money.

Blick in purchase talks

BLICK, the time recording and paging equipment maker, hinted at a possible acquisition of a business in rental, sales and maintenance in an allied field to its own. If successful, it would greatly increase the group's rental income. The announcement was seen in the stock market as a precursor to a rights issue and the shares dropped 8p to 445p. Blick bolstered the news with an estimate of pre-tax profits in the year to end-September of at least £9.3 million (£8.6 million) and a final 6.9p dividend making 10.2p, up 1p.

Record for Chrysler

CHRYSLER, the third largest US car company that has almost died twice in the past 15 years, demonstrated its financial health yesterday with record third-quarter profits — more than double those of last year. But a charge of almost $4 billion earlier this year for health and retirement costs means the group is still $3.04 billion in the red. Shares have doubled in the past year, rising to a new peak of $51 yesterday as net profits for July, August and September jumped from $202 million to $423 million on sales up 5.4 per cent to $9.7 billion.

Profits dip at Maunders

RISES in turnover and legal completions failed to stop a dip in taxable profits at John Maunders, the housebuilder. In the 12 months to end-June, the group increased sales to £59.8 million (£52 million) on 904 (775) legal completions. However, John Maunders, chairman, said that more normal trading conditions had returned only in the second half, which helped to depress pre-tax profits to £3.84 million, against £4.23 million last time. Earnings per share fell from 11.52p to 10.36p. The dividend rises to 5.15p (4.95p), via a 2.85p final.

Spain faces more cuts in car jobs

FROM EDWARD OWEN
IN MADRID

NEXT week the crisis committee being formed to decide the fate of Seat, Spain's only major motor marque, will meet in Barcelona at the same time as Nissan, which also has two plants in Catalonia, is looking for even bigger cuts in its workforce than the 10 per cent envisaged.

A spokeswoman for Seat said yesterday that the committee will be formed by Volkswagen, which purchased Seat seven years ago, the unions, Seat directors and officials from both the ministry of industry in Madrid and the Catalan regional government. VW, would like to close Seat's factory in the Zona Franca which employs 13,000.

Yesterday a spokesman for Nissan Motor Iberica said that sales of Nissan commercial vehicles, 70 per cent exported, were about 40 per cent down. Daniel Ward, corporate affairs director for Nissan in Europe, said that Nissan's losses in Spain are expected to be about £220 million this year.

EC confident of deal with Germany over steel aid

FROM JAMES LANDALE IN BRUSSELS

HOPES for a breakthrough in talks between the European Commission and the German government over steel subsidies were high yesterday after a long meeting between Martin Bangemann, the EC industry commissioner, and Günter Rexrodt, the German economics minister, on Wednesday. The EC is desperate to cut capacity in an industry suffering from huge over-production and only permits subsidies tied to capacity cuts.

A commission spokesman said he was "rather confident" about a deal and expected more approaches from Germany soon. He said the talks between Herr Bangemann, himself a former German economics minister, and Herr Rexrodt had been constructive. "Herr Bangemann explained the necessity of reconstructing the European steel industry and of having a secure policy on state aids," he said. "Herr Rexrodt then explained the necessity of reconstructing the steel industry in the former east Germany."

This comes only days after the EC repeated its rejection of the latest German plan to salvage Eko Stahl, the big eastern German steel maker. "The EC cannot accept the plan for new capacity with more than half the money from public finances," an EC official said at the weekend.

Any deal to permit state subsidies to Eko Stahl would involve compromise. This could be similar to that between the EC and Spain over subsidies to CSI, the state steel maker. For 2.82 billion Ecus (£2.17 billion) of aid, CSI had to cut capacity, accelerate the closure of a steel plant and encourage private investment.


Rexrodt: clashed with EC

The outcome of the talks is vital to the rest of the European steel industry as private steel makers will not agree to capacity cuts if the market is still distorted by state aid.

Industry ministers will vote on the subsidies disputed by Spain, Italy and Germany at the November 18 industry council meeting. Germany is keen to build upEko Stahl, and Herr Rexrodt has staked much political capital in winning the subsidy battle. He says that as the plant is in the former East Germany, and is part of the privatisation of former communist firms, it differs from Spain, and Italy, where a similar battle is going on between the EC and Rome. The EC will not permit any capacity increase and it was over this that Herr Bangemann and Herr Rexrodt clashed at the September meeting of industry ministers.

Klöckner in talks on three fronts

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

KLÖCKNER-WERKE, the German steel to plastics group rescued from bankruptcy this year, is trying to sell its main steel operations by the end of the year as part of its strategy to leave the steel business.

A successful programme of disposals, including some of the lowest-cost steelmaking plant in Germany, is expected to prompt a wave of streamlining moves in the troubled industry which could lift Arbed, the Luxembourg group, into a stronger position in the German and European market.

A Klöckner spokesman, said the company was engaged in "intensive talks" on three fronts: with Hoogovens, the Dutch steelmaker; with Arbed, through a grouping put together by Bremen, the city-state home to Klöckner's main steelworks; and with Thyssen and Krupp-Hoesch, the Ruhr steel groups.

Once something of a pariah in the German steel industry, Klöckner is now an attractive target for its rivals since its debt restructuring. The company has for some years been diversifying out of steel with the ultimate goal of leaving the sector altogether.

As Klöckner's steelworks is its second biggest employer, Bremen has entered the fray as a mediator between Klöckner, Arbed and a group of regional companies, including shipyards and a power company.

Bremen, keen to prevent a Thyssen-Krupp takeover of the Klöckner works, on the grounds that it believes it would be run down, has no plans to become finacially involved in what would be a wholly private sector deal.

Arbed confirmed discussions with Klöckner, but made clear no formal offer had yet been made. The company has long-standing ties with Klöckner, through joint ventures with Sidmar, an Arbed subsidiary.

Klöckner, which produces 3 million tonnes of crude steel a year with only 4,000 workers, has long been a thorn in the side of Thyssen and Krupp-Hoesch, which have themselves restarted talks on far-reaching co-operation, as a way out of the steel recession.

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Stamping out the sports shoe fakers

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

CONVERSE, America's biggest maker of athletic footwear, best known for its All Star sneakers, has decided to put its foot down in Europe to try to halt the flourishing trade in fakes of its branded products.

Gib Ford, the company president, issued a strong warning to counterfeit operators yesterday. "Rip us off, go to jail," he said in a statement. He underlined that this was no idle threat.

"Counterfeiting is a crime," he said, adding that Converse had no hesitation in working with governments, customs and the law enforcement authorities across Europe to protect its company and its customers from "inferior shoes".

Given the estimated $100 billion a year made in the counterfeit goods trade worldwide, Converse is concerned about the sophisticated international crime rings behind the business today. Law enforcement authorities around the globe are also becoming increasingly concerned. The company is calling on European consumers to support its crackdown on counterfeit trade. But Jack Green, the Converse's vice-president, said that greater consistency of effort and far stricter sentencing were needed, if the crime was to be stamped out.

Peter Woosnam, of the European Customs Co-operation Council, sees Customs as the front line of the anti-fake war. "It is the first hurdle of the barrier the infringer has to pass through."

But Hi-Tec, the British sports shoe maker, has been disappointed by the lukewarm response it has had from some customs authorities in Europe when seeking help.

Ashley Reynolds, managing director of Hi-Tec UK, said the British customs had been helpful, but that the single European market, which came into being this year, had created a new difficulty. Once inside the EC, bogus products can be moved about freely, he said. Although Mr Reynolds was reluctant to put a figure on the proportion of sales lost to counterfeiters, he said that some trade experts estimated that one sports shoe in every five in Britain was fake. Hi-Tec is more sceptical, acknowledging that estimating the scale of bogus products is almost impossible.

"But it is a growing industry," Mr Reynolds said. His company deals with the emergence of counterfeit products ad hoc, usually picking up incidents when goods appear on the market at silly prices. Mr Reynolds registered the company's great satisfaction in recently securing an end to a counterfeit shoe operation in China, one of the main sources of fake goods. Southeast Asia and Eastern Europe are the other main sources.

Converse has also issued advice to consumers on how to buy sports shoes without being ripped off:

- ☐ Do not expect to buy its authentic brands from a flea market.
- ☐ Always check shoes carry original trade markings and that they are not made from inferior material or display poor quality work.
- ☐ If a fake is suspected, contact your local authorised distributor straight away.

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Listed companies 'should pay for market policing'

By Patricia Tehan

■ The City and industry should foot the bill for stricter regulation of the financial services industry, according to the Securities and Investments Board

ANDREW Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, said the financial services industry and listed companies should pay for a central City authority to police the market.

Mr Large first raised the idea of a central City body to investigate and punish cases of market abuse in a report in May. The so-called Large report had been commissioned by the Treasury to review the regulatory system in the City in the aftermath of the theft of £440 million from pension schemes controlled by the late Robert Maxwell.

In a speech about City regulation in London yesterday, Mr Large said many cases of market abuse could be capable of resolution by the regulators. He said: "If the regulators get a clear definition of their own patch, and act forcefully within it, I believe an increasing number would be capable of resolution by the regulator."

Mr Large said the financial services industry would insist that the London markets should be the best policed and "the most difficult for bad hats to get away with it".

He asked: "Would the industry or issuers be prepared to contribute to the cost of ensuring that? I believe they would. And I believe they should." He said the SIB could use section 59 of the Financial Services Act, which gives it the power to stop people operating in the financial services industry.

Mr Large suggested that this could be coupled with fines, which would require a change in legislation. He said the two "would if sensibly used, be regarded as acceptable punishment in certain cases".

Speaking at the same conference, Sir Andrew Hugh Smith, the chairman of the London Stock Exchange, said he supported the idea of a City policeman. He said: "It seems to me that a suitable level of enforcement, such as is expected by our political masters and by the public at large, is only attainable when there is clear leadership in enforcement by a single body."

He also gave some indication of the stock exchange's thinking on its review of how to disseminate price sensitive information. He suggested that listed companies need a "culture change".

Sir Andrew added that they are concerned that some of the ways by which companies have in the past passed information to the market place may expose them to the risk of legal challenge.

The exchange set up a working party to consider this issue in July and is due to report its findings in the form of a consultation document at the end of the month.

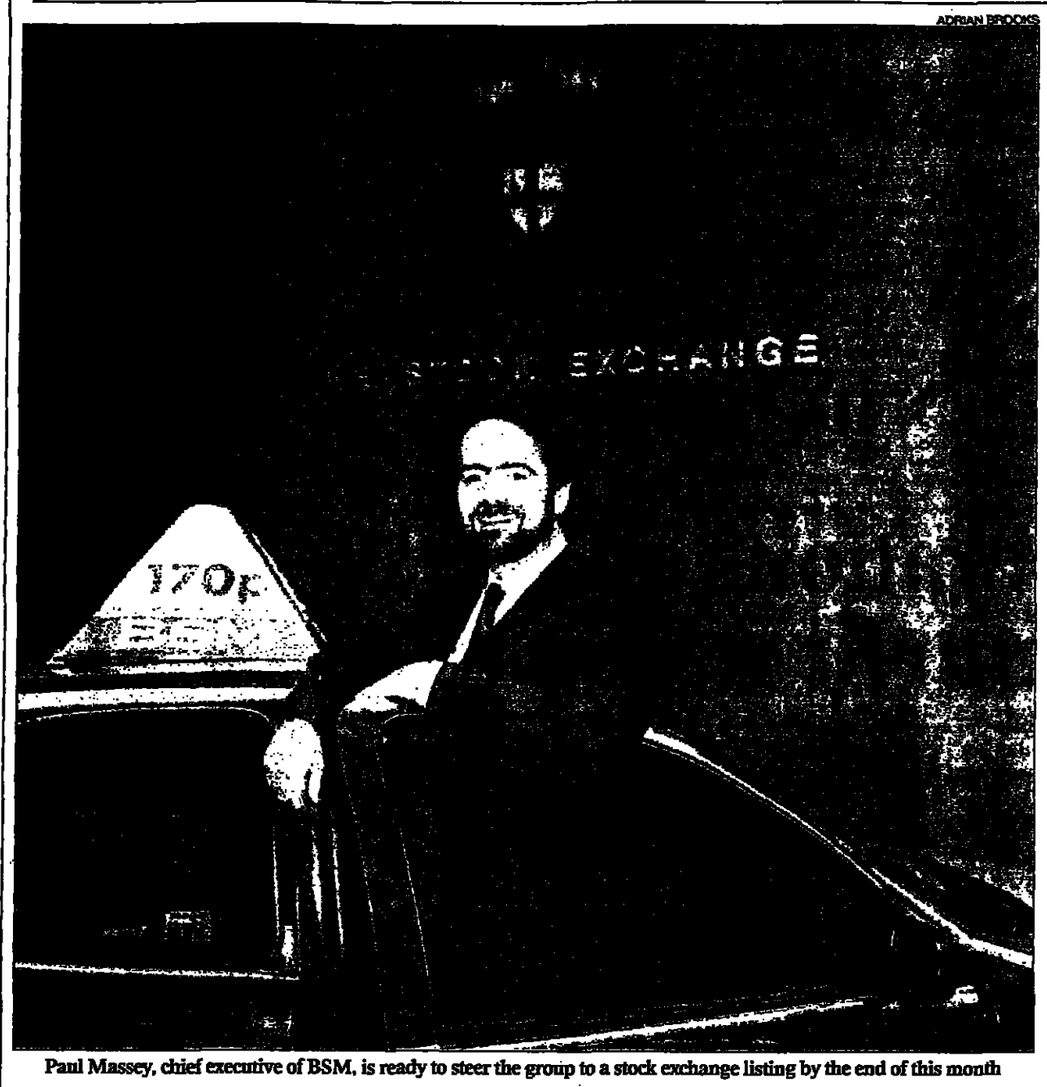
Sir Andrew said the guidance from the working party "should start from the premise that most companies wish to observe their obligation to the market, and seek to keep the market properly and intelligently informed".

He said: "Selective release of price sensitive information can have no place in a capital market. If expectations are way out of line, then an announcement to the market as a whole is the way forward." This may involve some change in culture so that the market expects all adjustments to be made through formal announcements.

He said the guidance from the working party "may not need to be about changing rules. It may well be about changing culture".

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Three companies take advantage of good climate for flotations



Paul Massey, chief executive of BSM, is ready to steer the group to a stock exchange listing by the end of this month

BSM set for drive to stock market

By Our Deputy City Editor

HESITANT learners and impatient fellow road-users have provided plenty of work over the years for the car repair side of BSM Group, the owner of British School of Motoring, which is coming to the market worth £47.4 million.

One aim of the flotation, therefore, is to raise funds to expand the repair business so it can take on more contract work from other car fleets. Paul Massey, the chief executive, said the rest of the business, including the core motoring school which employs 2,000 instructors at 134 branches, will be grown at a slower rate. The plan is to open 15 to 20 new outlets in the next year or two. BSM is convinced there is substantial pent-up demand for tuition, with new pupils already up 5 per cent on last year.

Mr Massey said: "Over the three years of recession, it hasn't been a period when people have rushed out to pay three, four or five hundred pounds to learn to drive."

The shares are valued at 170p and the company is raising £33.7 million of fresh funds, almost all of which will go to the banks to pay off debts incurred in a management buyout in April 1990. None of the directors is selling shares. Their holdings will shrink from 5 per cent to 1.7 per cent of the group.

BSM is forecasting operating profits of £4.55 million in the year to end-December, up from £4.11 million last time. Had the group been listed throughout 1993 the total dividend would have been 5.78p.

Of BSM's pool of 2,300 cars, about 70 per cent require the help of the repair business each year, said Mr Massey, a figure in line with the normal rate of attrition of other car fleets. Fewer than 20 a year are written off, and Mr Massey blames other road-users rather than his instructors and pupils. Most accidents, he says, are rear-end collisions caused by impatient drivers following behind.

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Lasmo debt rating cut by Moody's

Lasmo expects its cash flow cover to remain "adequate", despite a downgrading by Moody's Investors Service of the oil and gas exploration and production company's senior debt from Baa1 to Baa3.

The Moody's downgrade was based on a downward revision of both its oil price forecast and the consequent impact on Lasmo's cash flow, debt levels and gearing, asserting that the company had accepted "a higher permanent level of financial risk".

Lasmo said that in direct contrast to Moody's, Standard & Poor's, the rival credit rating agency, has confirmed it will not revise its current rating of Lasmo's senior debt from A-. Lasmo shares, which reached a 383p high in 1991, eased 2p to 137½p. Tempus, page 27

Gryphon flows

Aran Energy said the Gryphon oil field, in which it has a 15 per cent stake, began production yesterday, less than ten months after receiving government approval for its development. Gryphon, the UK's newest North Sea oilfield, is 200 miles northeast of Aberdeen. It is operated by Kerr-McGee Oil (UK) on behalf of a four-company partnership. Kerr-McGee holds 25 per cent, Clyde Petroleum 35 per cent, Santa Fe Exploration 25 per cent and Aran Energy Exploration 15 per cent. The field is expected to produce about 96 million barrels of oil over the next 15 to 20 years.

Canary action

WPP, the advertising group, yesterday lodged an affidavit on behalf of Ogilvy & Mather, its subsidiary, detailing its concerns over the Canary Wharf rescue package negotiated by the development's administrator, Ernst & Young, the administrator, must lodge its reply by the close of business today so the matter can be heard in the High Court on Monday. WPP has alleged that the £1.1 billion reconstruction package does not secure sufficient cash flow to satisfy the long-term interests of tenants.

Body Shop shows healthy figure

By Susan Gilchrist

STRONG growth in international operations helped lift profits 20 per cent at Body Shop, the environmentally conscious cosmetics group run by Gordon and Anita Roddick.

Pre-tax profits rose from £8.3 million to £10 million in the six months to end-August. Turnover was up from £67.2 million to £82.8 million, although almost a third of the increase was due to currency movements. The interim dividend is lifted from 0.68p to 0.75p, a rise of 10 per cent.

The group's international business now accounts for 64 per cent of operating profits, with further expansion to come. Fifty-four of the 58 shops opened in the first half were outside Britain, and the rate of openings has been accelerated in the second half.

Next month will see the group's first foray into Latin America, with a store opening in Mexico, bringing Body Shop's tally of countries to 44.

The group is bullish about its prospects in America, where it now has 140 outlets. Rapid expansion ensured retail sales grew 47 per cent in the region, although like-for-like sales were a more pedestrian 4 per cent. It plans to set up its own manufacturing operation next year.

Outside America, international retail sales were up 22 per cent, with Europe and Asia showing the strongest increases.

The performance from the 237 British stores was less dramatic. Total retail sales grew 2 per cent, but like-for-like sales fell 5 per cent. With only four shops opened in the period, the group acknowledges that it is now "a mature retailer" in Britain.

The group also revealed it is to sell its £2.1 million stake in Eastwick Trading, its Benelux franchising company controlled by Jan Oosterwijk, a Body Shop director. Mr Oosterwijk will resign from the main board, but continue as a consultant.

Body Shop is to pay £3.9 million to Cos-tec to settle the deferred consideration of a sale agreement between the companies in 1991.

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Anita Roddick of Body Shop, where profits improved

Scotia over-subscribed

By Sarah Bagnall

DAVID Horrobin, founder and chief executive at Scotia Holdings, the pharmaceutical company best known for its evening primrose oil, is to become a paper multi-millionaire following the company's flotation.

Mr Horrobin and his fellow directors have, however, agreed not to sell their holdings for a year without the consent of the lead manager and brokers to the offer. The lead manager and principal underwriter to the issue is Kleinwort Benson with Kleinwort Benson Securities and Hoare Govett as brokers. The flotation has been substantialy over-subscribed and as a result, Scotia has increased the size of the offer, giving it a market capitalisation of £181 million and making it the largest emerging pharmaceutical stock. The flotation will raise £40.6 million, which will be used to repay Scotia's debts of £7.7 million and fund the development of its products, including clinical trials, manufacturing and the purchase of raw materials.

Dealing is expected to start on October 25.

Crest chiefs reap reward

By Our City Staff

FOUR directors at Crest Packaging and their families are set to share £12.5 million when the flexible packaging and printed folding cartons manufacturer comes to the market next month.

The company, which was bought out by management from Bowater in 1985, is expected to have a market capitalisation of about £50 million. Rodney Webb, Crest's managing director, and his family; Roy Cook, managing director of the cartons division; and joint managing directors of the flexible packaging division, Bert Harman and Bert Bowen and his family, currently hold 100 per cent of the equity.

They are selling off 25 per cent of the company's shares, which will be placed with institutions at a price to be set on October 28. No new money is being raised as the company expects to have £4 million of cash at its year end, enough to take advantage of acquisition opportunities. The Kent group has 470 staff and made pre-tax profits of £4.9 million from turnover of £41.8 million in the year to April.

Beer battle spurs 50% price cuts

By Martin Waller

A "house-to-house battle" by the big brewers to boost market share is benefiting smaller publicans in London and the surrounding counties, who are being offered substantial discounts of up to 50 per cent of list price for beer, according to Tim Martin, chairman of JD Wetherspoon, the pub operator.

Wetherspoon, floated a year ago, reports full-year pre-tax profits of £4.17 million, against a figure of £926,000 that does not compare directly, because of interest savings from the proceeds of the share issue and a £1.09 million loss from the sale of properties that had to be restated for last time because of changes in accounting rules. A 3.6p final makes a 5.4p total.

Wetherspoon has been pushing ahead with its aggressive programme of pub openings, including one for the first time outside the M25 at Bracknell, Berkshire. A total of 24 were opened last year and another 20 are planned this year.

Mr Martin said that so far this year, catering sales were strong, and fruit machine income, which declined last year, had begun to recover, but bar sales were flat. This was offset by aggressive marketing and discounting by the big brewers.

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Soccer defeat flags £15m travel loss

By Martin Flanagan

THE UK travel trade has probably lost more than £15 million from England's near-certain failure to reach the football World Cup finals in America next summer, following Wednesday night's defeat in Holland. Industry sources said this figure could probably double to £30 million if the Republic of Ireland fails to qualify, following Scotland's earlier dismissal.

A spokesman for Greaves Travel, the Football Association's officially-appointed travel agent for the finals, said: "The cost to the trade of England not being represented in the World Cup finals is probably at least £15 million. The fact of Scotland not qualifying could nearly double this as the Scots tend to be great travellers when their team is involved. On top of that, a lot of Irishmen based in England would be expected to buy their tickets here if the Republic qualify." That now is also in the balance following the Republic's unexpected defeat by Spain in Dublin. They have to beat Northern Ireland in Belfast in their final qualifying game to book their place. The spokesman said it was difficult to quantify the cost of Wales — still in with a chance — not qualifying, as it was in 1958 that the Welsh last graced the finals.

The Football Association, meanwhile, said its own losses could be about £3 million if the Dutch debacle proves to have ended England's dream. An FA spokesman said: "We made a little less than £3 million profit when we had a good run at the last World Cup in Italy." Then, England made the semi-finals against West Germany and lost on a penalty shootout. The travel trade was yesterday trying to avoid being as sick as birds of bright plumage about the latest depressing turn of events. Michael Myers, marketing manager at Greaves, said: "It is not all doom and gloom. We are still doing good business selling packages to corporate customers who want to be at the later stages of the competition. They don't necessarily follow England, they just want to see good football."

Sportsworld, one of the four UK travel agencies appointed by FIFA, the sport's governing body, to run packages in addition to the FA-appointed representative, agreed. A spokeswoman said: "We are surprised because we thought the phones would be dead today. But a lot of businesses have been ringing up to book for, perhaps, the semi-finals onwards."

Act II had no still centre and the his transformation from character tomorrow at 5pm in the Festival Hall (071-928 8800), London SE1

Bell Atlantic merger plan sets telecoms sector buzzing

THE telecommunications sector was buzzing with activity as analysts digested the implications of Wednesday's proposed merger of Bell Atlantic and Tele-Communications Inc, the American telephone and cable television giants.

Analysts said they thought US investors were willing to invest vast sums in the sector, highlighting the attraction of British telecommunications and media assets.

Cable and Wireless rose 26p to 953p, on a volume of 3.9 million shares, additionally buoyed by a strong overnight performance by Hong Kong markets and improving prospects for agreement with China on the colony's future. Among others in demand,

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British Telecom advanced 6½p to 447½p, on volume of 9.5 million, while **BT partly paid** added 3½p to 186½p, on volume of 6.4 million. **Vodafone** rose 10½p to 551p.

But **Racal Electronics** lost 8p to 207p after announcing a reorganisation of its loss-making Racal-Redac operation. Kleinwort Benson has trimmed its current year pre-tax profit forecast by £6 million to £58 million.

In the media and broadcasting sector, **Carlton Communications** added 6p to 764p, while **News International**, owner of *The Times*, firmed 3p to 271p.

Shares spent the first part of the day in negative territory as the City remained nervous about prospects for the fragile economic recovery.

Futures depressed the cash market early on, but a turnround in the afternoon combined with a strong start on Wall Street helped to bolster sentiment in late London trading, prompting some late buying interest.

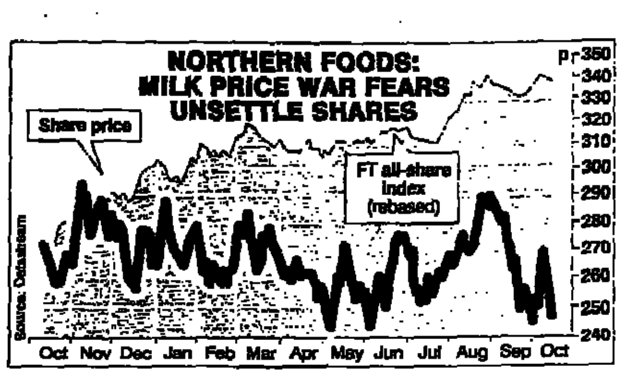
The FT-SE 100 index reversed a one-time 13.4 point fall to end up 5.4 at 3,086.3. Volume reached 618.2 million shares.

The heavy rains and severe flooding in parts of Britain dampened investors' appetites for insurance stocks in spite of assurances from insurers that they were receiving only a trickle of claims.

Early indications of claims are not causing concern in the industry and analysts now say the share price falls experienced earlier in the week were overdone.

Shares in **Commercial Union**, down 12p to 631p on Wednesday, fell a further 2p yesterday to end the day at 629p. **Sun Alliance** shares fell 5p to 383p while **Royal Insurance** recovered 1p of the 7p it lost on Wednesday to end the day at 309p.

Tarmac eased 3p to 140p after announcing an 87.3 per cent take up for its recent £215 million rights issue. The rump, amounting to 23.3 million shares, was placed in the market at about 138p, representing an 18p premium to the issue price.



Thorn EMI fell 14p to 907p after one institution put a sizeable parcel of 2.6 million shares on offer. SG Warburg placed the shares at 890p each with a wide range of institutions. Credit Lyonnais Laing was recommending a switch from Thorn into **Granada**, down 3p at 486p.

The food sector was again in the spotlight. Milk-related stocks were unsettled by fears of a price war in the supermarkets after **Tesco**, down 3p at 202p, announced plans to discount milk prices.

The Tesco milk price cut saw **Northern Foods**, which relies on short-life dairy products for about 50 per cent of its business, come under selling pressure. Its shares lost 10p to 247p, with NatWest Securities said to have downgraded its profit estimates, while **Unigate** slid 9p to 379p.

Among the food retailers, **Asda** eased 2¼p to 53¼p, on a heavy volume of 22 million shares, **Argyll** 5p to 291p, **Kwik Save** 9p to 668p and **J Sainsbury** 4p to 415p.

British Aerospace shrugged off fears over the possible loss of its multi-million pound Taiwan contract, gaining 11p to 419p. **W Canning** rose 8p to 176p amid bid speculation, while **Wardle Storeys**, perceived as a possible bidder, fell 5p to 448p.

☐ **GILT-EDGED:** The market saw some further movement out of long-dated issues into shorts. Losses extended to nearly one full point for longs, although shorts fared much better, with a consequent steepening of the yield curve.

The December series of the gilt future fell 15 ticks to £113²²/₃₂, on volume of 69,000 contracts. The initial announcement of a next Bank of England auction is expected today.

PHILIP PANGALOS

US operations add to Smurfit woes

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

THE troubled US affiliate of Smurfit, the Irish packaging group, is to close 20 of its 180 plants at a cost of $150 million.

Smurfit timed the restructuring announcement to coincide yesterday with the release of adverse results. Smurfit's profits for the six months to July fell from Ir£62 million to Ir£51 million (£49 million) on sales which rose to Ir£749.5 million (Ir£654 million).

The poor Smurfit earnings performance had been well signalled and the market paid more attention to the ongoing problems at JSC-CCA, which is 36 per cent owned by Smurfit and 64 per cent by Morgan Stanley. The charge equates to Ir£25 million or 5p a share for Smurfit itself. The Smurfit profit-and-loss account is currently shielded from the difficulties of JSC-CCA by a preference dividend paid to the Irish company.

Smurfit shares dropped sharply, reaching Ir£2.12 in London before recovering to Ir£2.25, slightly down.

JSC-CCA has two problems. Over capacity in the US packaging sector has left prices soft for more than two years. In 1990, the price for linerboard, an industry staple, was more than $400 a tonne. Now, it is less than $300. Several companies are under pressure from bankers. JSC-CCA's second problem is that a 1989 restructuring left it hugely leveraged.

JSC-CCA has debts of $2.6 billion. A recent interest rate restructuring has cut debt service costs from $336 million to $260 million.

Besides the JSC-CCA charge, the Smurfit result and accompanying statement from Michael Smurfit, the chairman, offered scant hope of an improvement in earnings at the parent company.

The 1989 restructuring of its US operations (which then became JSC-CCA) left Smurfit with a pile of cash. The exchange and interest rate crises of the winter helped this cash pile to produce net interest of Ir£11.5 million (Ir£2.7 million). Falling interest rate will reduce this for the second half.

The company is dependent on its operations in Latin America which accounted for Ir£28.5 million of its Ir£39 million profit before interest and tax in the six months. However, the outlook for those operations, in Mexico, Colombia and Venezuela is increasingly uncertain.



Michael Smurfit, the chairman, could offer little hope of improved earnings

WALL STREET

Dow ahead in early trade

New York — Wall Street shares were firm in early trading, with strong third-quarter earnings by Chrysler prompting a rally in the vehicle manufacturing sector. Analysts said that the stock market was still feeling the beneficial effects of a buoyant bond market and the continuing positive ripples from Bell Atlantic's plan to acquire Tele-Communications. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 12.01 points to 3,615.20.

☐ **Tokyo** — Selling of shares excluded from the new Nikkei 300 index weakened, prompting sharp falls in prices. The Nikkei average ended up 44.41 points at 20,082, with about 250 million shares traded.

☐ **Hong Kong** — After a flat start, the Hang Seng index reached a record close of 8,412.40, up 119.44 points.

☐ **Singapore** — A surge in institutional buying before Singapore Telecom's flotation pushed the Straits Times industrial index to a record closing high of 2,077.95, up 24.07 points from Wednesday's close.

☐ **Sydney** — Hefty Strong gains by The News Corporation and BHP swept the market to a stronger close. Brokers said that offshore buying pushed the all-ordinaries index to its highest level since the October 1987 stock market crash. It peaked at 2,066.4 points before closing at 2,062.0, up 23.4 points. *(Reuter)*

	Oct 14 midday	Oct 13 close
AMP Inc	64¼	64¾
AMR Corp	64¾	65¼
Abbott Labs	26¾	26½
Aetna Life	62¾	61¼
Ahmanson (HF)	19¼	19¾
Air Prod & Chem	39¾	39¾
Albertson's	25¾	25¼
Alcan Alumnm	19¼	19½
Alco Standard	45¾	45¼
Allied Signal	72	71¼
Alum Co of Am	66¼	67¾
Amax	23¼	23
Amerada Hess	53¾	53¾
Amer Brands	34¾	34¼
Amer Cyanamid	56¾	56¼
Amer El Power	38	37¾
Amer Express	36¼	36
Amer Genl Corp	35¾	35¼
Amer Home Pr	62¾	62
Amer Intl	92¾	92¾
Amer Stores	40¾	41
Amer T & T	59¾	57¾
Ameritech	85¼	85¾
Amoco	56¾	56¼
Anheuser-Busch	47¼	46¼
Apple Computer	24	24
Archer Daniels	22¾	22½
Arkla	8¼	8¾
Armco	5¾	5¾
Armstrng Wrld	40¾	41
Asarco	17¾	17¼
Ashland Oil	34¾	34¼
Atl Richfield	109¾	111¼
Auto Data Pro	51¾	50¾
Avery Dennison	26¾	26¼
Avon Products	53¾	53¾
Baker Hughes	22¾	22¾
Baltim Gas & El	26	25¾
Banc One	43¾	43½
BankAmerica	45¼	45¼
Bank of NY	57¾	57½
Bankers Tr NY	82¾	82¼
Barnett Banks	44¾	44¾
Bausch & Lomb	48¾	48¾
Baxter Intl	23¾	22¼
Becton Dicknsn	37¾	37¾
Bell Atlantic	68¾	65¼
BellSouth	60¾	57¾
Black & Decker	20¼	20½
Block (H&R)	39	39½
Boeing	37¼	37¾
Boise Cascade	20¾	20½
Borden Inc	16¼	16¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	56¾	57
Browning Ferris	22¾	23¼
Burlington Nthn	50¾	50½
CBS	290	285¼
CNA Financial	82¾	82¼
CPC Intl	46¼	45½
CSX	75¼	76
Campbell Soup	39	39
Can Pacific	15¾	15¾
Cptl Cities ABC	594¾	593
Cptl Holdings	43¼	43¾
Carolina Pwr	31¾	31¾
Caterpillar	80¾	81
Central & SW	32¾	31¾
Champion Intl	29¾	29¾
Chase Manhat	37¾	37½
Chemical Bk	46	46¾
Chevron Corp	95¾	95¾
Chrysler	51¾	48½
Chubb Corp	83	82¾
Cigna Corp	65¾	65¾
Citicorp	39¼	39¾
Clorox	51¾	51¾
Coastal Corp	26¾	26¾
Coca Cola	43	41¼
Colgate-Palmolive	55¾	55¾
Columbia Gas	25¾	25½
Commonw Ed	29¾	29¾
Compaq Comp	60¾	60¾
Comp Ass Int	34¾	34¾
Conagra	26¾	26¾
Cons Edison	35¾	35
Cons Nat Gas	49¾	50¾
Cons Rail	57¾	57¾
Cooper Inds	49¾	50¼
Corning Inc	25¼	25¾
Crown Cork	37	37
Dana Corp	57¾	57¾
Dayton Hudson	67¾	68¾
Deere	73¾	74¾
Delta Air Lines	55	54¾
Deluxe Corp	34¼	34¼
Detroit Edison	33¾	33¾
Digital Equip	37¾	36¾
Dillard Dept St	35¾	35¼
Disney (Walt)	44	44¼
Dominion Res	47¾	47¾
Donelley (RR)	28¾	28
Dover Corp	52¾	52¾
Dow Chemical	58	58¾
Dow Jones	35¾	35¼
Dresser	21¾	21¼
Duke Power	42¾	42¼
Dun & Brdstreet	63¾	62¼
Du Pont	45¼	46
Eastman Kodak	58¾	58¾
Eaton Corp	49¼	48¼

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Emerson Elec	56¼	56¾
Engelhard Corp	28¼	28¾
Enron Corp	36¼	35¼
Entergy Corp	38¼	38¾
Ethyl Corp	17¼	17¾
Exxon	64¾	64½
FMC Corp	49¼	49¾
FPL Group	39¾	39¾
Federal Express	64¾	64½
Fed Nat Mtge	82¼	81¼
First Chicago	50	50
First Interstate	66½	67¾
First Union Rlty	11¼	11¼
Fleet Fnl Grp	34½	34¾
Fluor Corp	39¼	39¼
Ford Motor	57¾	59¼
GTE Corp	38¾	37¾
Gannett	49¼	48¼
Gap Inc Del	32¾	32½
Gen Dynamics	95¾	96¾
Gen Electric	96¼	96¾
Gen Mills	63	60¾
Gen Motors	44¼	43¾
Gen Reinsurance	119¾	120¼
Gen Signal	33¼	33
Genuine Parts	37½	37¼
Georgia Pac	59¾	60½
Gillette	59¾	58¾
Glaxo ADR	20	20¾
Goodrich (BF)	43¾	43¾
Goodyear Tire	46¾	46¼
Grace (W&R)	35¾	35¾
Grt Atl Pac Tea	25¾	25¼
Great Wstn Fin	19¼	19¾
Halliburton	35½	36¼
Harcourt General	44¼	44¼
Heinz (HJ)	37	36½
Hercules	94¼	93¼
Hershey Foods	51¾	51¾
Hewlett Packard	68½	68¼
Hilton Hotels	47¾	47¼
Home Depot	37¼	37¾
Homestake Mng	18¼	18¾
Honeywell	35¼	36
Household Intl	80¾	80½
Houston Inds	46¾	45¾
Humana	13¼	13¼
ITT Corp	91¼	91¾
Illinois Tool	39¾	39¾
INCO	19¼	19¼
Ingersoll Rand	36¼	36¾
Inland Steel	30	30
Intel Corp	65	63¾
IBM	42¼	43¼
Intl Flav & Fr	104¼	104
Intl Paper	57¾	58¼
James River Va	21¾	21¼
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	40½	40¼
K Mart	23¾	23¾
Kellogg	52	49¾
Kerr-McGee	50¾	51¼
Kimberly-Clark	51¾	51¼
Knight-Ridder	53¾	53
Lilly (Eli)	52¼	52¼
Limited Inc	22¼	23¾
LIN Brdcstng	115	115½
Lincoln Nat	46	47
Litton	62¾	64¾
Liz Claiborne	21½	20¾
Lockheed Corp	65	64¾
Louisiana Pac	32¼	32¾
MCI Commun	28	27½
Marriott Int	25¼	26¾
Marsh & McLnn	83¾	83¾
Masco Corp	30¾	31
May Dept St	42¾	42¾
Maytag Corp	15¾	15¼
McCaw Cellular	55¾	53½
McDonalds	53¾	53
McDonnell D	92¼	92¾
McGraw Hill	69	68¼
Mead Corp	41	41¼
Medtronic	72¼	73¼
Mellon Bk	58¾	58¾
Melville Corp	44¼	45
Merck Inc	31¼	30¾
Merrill Lynch	100	99¼
Minnesota Mine	104¾	103¼
Mobil Corp	83¾	83¾
Monsanto	67	67¼
Morgan (JP)	77¼	78¾
Motorola Inc	104¾	103
Natl Medical	11¼	11¾
Natl Semi	17¼	16½
Natl Service Ind	25¼	25¾
Navistar Int	21¼	21½
NBD Bancorp	34¾	34¾
NY Times A	25¼	25¼
Newmont Mng	51¼	51¾
Niag Mohawk	23¼	22¼
Nike B	45¼	45¼
NL Industries	5¼	5
Nordstrom	31	31¼
Norfolk Sthrn	65¾	65¼
Nthn State Pwr	45¾	45
Norwest Corp	28¼	28¾
Nynex Corp	45¾	43
Occidental Pet	20¾	20¼
Ohio Edison	24¼	24¾
Oracle Systems	63¾	63¼

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Oryx Energy Co	24¾	24¾
Owens Corning	45¾	45¾
PNC Financial	29¾	29¾
PPG Industries	65¾	65
Paccar Inc	63¾	62¾
Pacificorp	19¾	19¾
Pac Enterprises	26½	26¾
Pac Gas & Elect	35¼	35¾
Pac Telesis	54½	53¾
Pall Corp	19½	19¾
Panhandle East	24½	24¼
Paramnt Comm	77	77¾
Parker Hannifin	36	36¾
Penney (JC)	46¾	46¾
Pennzoil	59¾	60
Pepsico	40	39¾
Pfizer	60¼	59¼
Phelps Dodge	42¾	42¾
Philadel Elec	31¾	31¾
Philip Morris	52½	51¾
Phillips Pet	33¼	34¾
Pitney Bowes	38¾	38¾
Polaroid	33	33
Pdoe Co	39¾	40
Primerica	48	48
Procter & Gmbl	51¾	50
Pub Serv E & G	34	33¾
Quaker Oats	67¼	66¾
Ralston Purina	37¾	37¾
Raychem Corp	39¼	39¾
Raytheon	62½	62¾
Reebok Ind	25¾	24¾
Reynolds Metals	43¼	42¾
Roadway Srvcs	58	58¾
Rockwell Intl	36	35¾
Rohm & Haas	50¾	50¾
Royal Dutch	103¾	104¼
Rubbermaid	35	34¾
Safeco Corp	64¾	64
St Paul's Cos	90¼	87¾
Salomon Inc	50¼	49¾
Santa Fe Pac	19½	19½
Sara Lee Corp	29½	29¼
Scecorp	21¾	21¾
Schering Plough	68¾	67
Schlumberger	63¾	64¾
Scott Paper	32¾	32¾
Seagram	27¾	27
Sears Roebuck	57	56¼
Shell Trans	62	62¾
Sherwin Wilms	35½	35¾
Skyline Corp	16¾	17¾
Snap-On-Tools	38¾	38¾
Southern Co	45	44¾
Sthwestern Bell	41¾	40
Sprint Corp	38¾	38¾
Stanley Works	40¾	42¾
Sun Company	30¾	30
Suntrust	44¾	44¾
Supervalu	32¾	32¾
Syntex Corp	17¾	17¾
Sysco Corp	29¾	29½
TRW Inc	66½	65¾
Tandem Comp	12	11¾
Tandy Corp	38¾	37½
Telecom Corp	2¾	2¾
Teledyne	24¾	25¾
Temple Inland	38¼	39¾
Tenneco	52¾	52
Texaco	68¾	68¾
Texas Inst	63¾	62¾
Texas Utilities	46¼	45¾
Textron	55¾	56¾
Time Warner	45¾	44¼
Times-Mirror	32	30¾
Timken	30¾	30¼
Torchmark	52¾	52
Toys R Us	37¼	37¾
Transamerica	61¾	61¾
Travelers Corp	38¾	37¾
Tribune	53¾	52¾
Tyco Labs	43	42¾
UAL Corp	145	146¾
UST Inc	29	28¾
USX Marathon	19¾	19¾
Unilever NV	115¾	113¾
Union Camp	39	40¼
Union Carbide	19¾	19¾
Union Pacific	58¾	59¾
Unisys Corp	11¾	12
USAIR Group	13	13¾
USF&G Corp	14¾	13¾
US Life	43¾	43¾
US West	49¼	48¾
United Tech	56¾	56¾
Unocal Corp	28¾	28¾
Upjohn	31¾	31¾
VF Corp	45	44¾
WMX Tech	28¾	28¾
Wal-Mart Stores	25¾	25¾
Warner-Lambert	68½	67¾
Wells Fargo	128¾	131½
Westinghouse El	13¾	13¾
Weyerhaeuser	37¾	38¾
Whirlpool	61¼	60¾
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	59¾	59¾
Woolworth	24¾	26¾
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44¼	44¾
Xerox	72¾	73

Threatened Quiligotti announces rescue plan

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

QUILIGOTTI, the troubled terrazzo tiles and industrial flooring group, has declared increased full-year losses and a rescue refinancing involving a placing and open offer and a share restructuring.

Quiligotti is making a £2.8 million placing and open offer, on a three-for-two basis at 1.25p a share, to reduce debt — with borrowings forecast to reach a seasonal peak of £3.5 million this month — and to provide extra working capital.

The company said substantial retained losses had so reduced net assets that an urgent capital injection was needed to secure new banking facilities and to ensure the group's survival. The board said that it had "no choice but to pursue an urgent refinancing".

Strand Associates, a private investment company, is coming to the rescue by injecting up to £2.8 million by backing the placing and open offer, giving it control of up to 78.4 per cent of the enlarged equity. Existing ordinary shares are to be reorganised by division.

The deal is subject to Quiligotti buying, for £150,000 in new shares, Chelsea Artisans and Bright Ltd and Microfloor Ltd, controlled by James Walton and Jeremy Brassington, who will become chief executive and non-executive director.

Provisions saw Quiligotti's pre-tax losses deepen to £3.3 million in the year to end-March (£1.83 million taxable deficit last time).

Quiligotti's USM-quoted shares lost ¼p, to 1½p.

Comac and CSS in computer merger

BY MARTIN WALLER

PHILIP Swinstead, who led the growth of SD-Scicon before its 1991 purchase by EDS, the American computer software business, has announced a significant step for his latest venture, the computer business Comac, in the form of an £18.5 million merger with the rival agency Computer Search and Selection (CSS).

Mr Swinstead, who returned to the computer business in June on the expiry of a non-competition clause imposed by EDS, said that the computer agency industry, which provides in-house computer services, was fragmented and in a similar state to the software business in the 1980s and would be restructured over the next few years.

Comac shares were suspended on the Unlisted Securities Market yesterday at 90p before the deal. Comac has announced a £21.8 million, 4-for-1 rights issue to settle the £14.5 million cash to be paid for CSS, along with £4 million in shares, and to repay £2.5 million of existing debt and to provide working capital.

Mr Swinstead, chief executive and holding 19.5 per cent, will take up rights for part of his family holding and end with perhaps 8 per cent. John Sharpe, CSS's chief executive, is to join Comac's board after the deal is complete.

Mr Swinstead said that, in the agency field, "a few leading players will emerge who will be able to supply large teams and form long-term relationships with clients".

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
HSBC	746p (+21p)	Royal Bk Scotland	334p (-11p)
Br Aerospace	419p (+11p)	RMC Group	793p (-18p)
Sedgwick	179p (+12p)	Burmah Castrol	754p (-12p)
Body Shop	188p (+13p)	Dunhill	353p (-13p)
Cable & Wireless	953p (+26p)	Sanderson Elec	317p (-12p)
Vodafone	551p (+10½p)	THORN EMI	906p (-14p)
William Cook	281p (+17p)	Trinity Intl	377p (-11p)
Jardine Math	559p (+16p)	Northern Foods	247p (-10p)
Danka Bs Sys	305p (+26p)	Takeda Chem	798p (-14p)
Sappi	373p (+12p)	Smiths Ind	356p (-15p)
Securicor 'A'	787p (+17p)		
Security Serv	695p (+15p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	116	+4
Beta Viet Nam Units	£41	...
Crockfords (90)	107	-1
For & Col Special Inc	70	...
For & Col Spl Capital	42	...
For & Col Spl Units	112	...
Hamlet (130)	139	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap	78	...
Ivory & Sime Ent Cap Wts	13	...
Parkdean Leisure (120)	128	...
Regent A	5	...
Select Industries	10	...
Shield Diagnostics (112)	98	...
VHE Holdings (115)	114	...
Wiggins Group	3¼	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Adwest n/p (140)	28	...
Britannia n/p (35)	¼	...
Flagstone n/p (1)	¼	+ ¼
Friendly Hotels n/p (150)	5	-2
JIB Group n/p (150)	23	...
MB-Caradon n/p (260)	77	...
Perry Group n/p (160)	9	-2
Phoenix Timber n/p (8)	2½	...
Wiggins Group n/p (2½)	¼	...

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.387	2.187
Austria Sch	18.21	16.71
Belgium Fr	56.59	52.19
Canada $	2.142	1.982
Cyprus Cyp£	0.777	0.727
Denmark Kr	10.54	9.74
Finland Mkk	9.28	8.48
France Fr	9.10	8.40
Germany Dm	2.587	2.377
Greece Dr	370.50	345.50
Hong Kong $	12.42	11.42
Ireland Pt	1.08	1.01
Italy Lira	2507.00	2352.00
Japan Yen	179.50	160.00
Malta	0.607	0.552
Netherlands Gld	2.905	2.675
Norway Kr	11.30	10.50
Portugal Esc	264.00	245.50
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	205.50	191.50
Sweden Kr	12.61	11.81
Switzerland Fr	2.27	2.09
Turkey Lira	19200.00	18200.00
USA $	1.620	1.490

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CAROPOINT COMMUNICATIONS LIMITED Company Number: 2639396 Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at The Stoke Hotel, 103 Stoke Road, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 4JN on 22 October 1993 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act, the appointment of a Liquidator and a Liquidation Committee. Mr D B Coakley of Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG is qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the company and will furnish creditors with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required. Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the company's registered office at Leach Bright & Partners, Barratt House, Chestnut Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 5HG not later than 12 noon on 21st October 1993. BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Mr. D. Rates. Director. Date: 28 September 1993

MILLS BROTHERS CONTRACTING LIMITED THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester M4 1QD on Thursday 21st October 1993 at 12.00 noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr S Lord of Poppleton and Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require. Dated this 12th day of October 1993 BY ORDER OF THE BOARD Mr P Mills, DIRECTOR.

No. 008094 of 1993 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF ENGLISH & OVERSEAS PROPERTIES PLC and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 14th September, 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share premium account of the above-named Company by £1,500,000. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 27th day of October, 1993. Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the cancellation of the said share premium account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. Dated the 15th day of October, 1993 ALLEN & OVERY 9 Cheapside, London EC2V 6AD Solicitors for the above-named Company

No. 008101 of 1993 IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE CHANCERY DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY GROUP PLC and IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 14th September, 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £4,046,780.46 to £3,000,000. AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 27th day of October, 1993. Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the Reduction of the said Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same. Dated the 15th day of October, 1993 ALLEN & OVERY 9 Cheapside, London EC2V 6AD Solicitors for the above-named Company

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers MCLAUGHLIN & HARVEY PLC. Registered Number FC004484 R514 NI Former company name: None. Trading Name: McLaughlin & Harvey Plc. Nature of business: Building & Civil Engineering Contractors. Trade classification: 23. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 7 October 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: Governor & Company of Bank of Ireland, National Westminster Bank Plc. DOVE BELL LIMITED. Registered Number: 00606468. Former company name: W & E Wilks (Stonemasons) Limited. Trading Name: Dove Bell Limited. Nature of Business: Joiners. Trade classification: 23. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 7 October 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. DOVE GROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED. Registered Number: 0980803. Former company name: None. Trading Name: Dove Group Holdings Limited. Nature of Business: Holding Co. Trade Classification: 38. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 7 October 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. DOVE BROTHERS LIMITED. Registered Number: 88446. Former company name: None. Trading Name: Dove Brothers Limited. Nature of Business: Joinery. Trade Classification: 23. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 7 October 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. THOMPSON MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL SERVICES LIMITED. Registered Number: 1782360. Former company name: Fordverge Limited. Trading Name: Thompson Mechanical Services Limited. Trading Name: Thompson Mechanical & Electrical Services Limited. Nature of Business: Mechanical & Electrical Installation Engineers. Trade Classification: 27. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 7 October 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. GILBERT & TURNBULL LIMITED. Registered Number: 1072286. Former company name: Rockdyne Properties Limited. Trading Name: Gilbert & Turnbull Limited. Nature of Business: Masonry. Trade Classification: 25. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 7 October 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. SLOANE INSTALLATIONS LIMITED. Registered Number: 1304752. Former company name: None. Trading Name: Sloane Installations Limited. Nature of Business: Dormant Company. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 7 October 1993. Name of person appointing the Administrative Receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Phillip Rodney Sykes (office holder no: 6119) BDO Binder Hamlyn 20 Old Bailey London EC4M 7BH. Eric Gardner Bell (office holder no: GB037) BDO Binder Hamlyn 12 Malone Road Belfast BT9 5BP.

Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Act 1986 CADMON LIMITED IN LIQUIDATION TAKE NOTICE THAT WE, Michael William Young and Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co. Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD, were appointed to act as Joint Liquidators of Cadmon Limited by a Resolution of a Meeting of the company's creditors held on 8 October 1993. DATED this 8th day of October 1993 M W Young and N J Hamilton-Smith Joint Liquidators

TARLORT LIMITED Company Number: 2274710 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a meeting of the creditors of the above company, in accordance with the provisions of Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, will be held at No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL on 26 October 1993 at 11.00 am. The purposes of the meeting are to receive a statement of affairs and a report on the company from a director and if the creditors wish to do so, to nominate a liquidator and appoint a liquidation committee. Anthony Victor Lomas of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL will provide a creditor free of charge with information concerning the company's affairs that they may reasonably require. Proxies for use at the meeting must be returned to Price Waterhouse by 25 October 1993 and claims must be made in writing and may be made to the same address. By order of the board F M Brannagan - Secretary 13 October 1993 Note. Any creditor who has not received notice of the meeting and who wished to attend or be represented at it should ring 071 939 3000 extension 4214 to obtain the necessary forms.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986 ASHWOOD (Cabinet Makers) Ltd NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 19a Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB on 21st October 1993 at 11.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99-101 of the said Act. Notice is further given that G H Whitlome FCA of Giles Whitlome, 19a Cavendish Square, London W1M 9AB, is a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner in relation to the Company and during the period before the day on which the meeting is to be held will furnish creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require, pursuant to Section 98(2) (a) of the said Act. NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that for the purpose of voting secured creditors must (unless they surrender their security) lodge at the said Registered Office of the Company before the meeting a statement giving particulars of their security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed. Dated this 28th September 1993 By order of the Board of Directors. P. Rawlings. Director.

The Insolvency Act 1986 DEJA VU FASHIONS LTD CHI-CHI LTD T/A DEJA VU DEJA VU GROUP LTD NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that Meetings of the Creditors of the above-named Companies will be held at Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EX on Tuesday the 19th day of October 1993 at 11.00 am, 11.30 am and 12.00 noon respectively for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act. Any information required by the Creditors concerning the Companies affairs may be obtained from A.S. BRADSTOCK of Langley & Partners, Langley House, Park Road, East Finchley, London N2 8EX being a person qualified to act as an Insolvency Practitioner. Dated this 12th day of October 1993. By Order of the Board H. Parandian, Director.

THE SCHEDULE Take notice that an Action has been commenced against you in the High Court Chancery Division by Mortgage Services Limited of 41 Moorgate, London EC2R 6AE in which the Plaintiff's claim is for: (1) a declaration that the Plaintiff is entitled to be treated as equitable mortgagee of the leasehold property known as Flat 11 Park View House Miller Street, London NW1 ("the property") registered at H M Land Registry under title number NGL678132 (2) the property be sold (3) an order pursuant to Section 90 of the Law of Property Act 1925 and for the purpose enabling the Plaintiff to carry out such sale that there be created and vested in the Plaintiff a legal term of years for the remainder of the term granted by the lease under which the property is held less the last day thereof (4) all necessary and consequential directions for the conduct of the said sale including any necessary order for possession of the property (5) an Order that the Defendant do pay to the Plaintiff the sum of £235,430.67 including interest thereon to the date hereof amounting to £40.87 per day until payment (6) all necessary accounts and inquiries (7) costs (8) further or other relief And that it had been ordered that service of the Originating Summons in the said Action on you be effected by this advertisement

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that you must within 22 days from the publication of this advertisement inclusive of the day of such publication acknowledge service of the said Originating Summons by completing a prescribed form of acknowledgement of service which may be obtained on request from the Solicitors whose name and address appear below otherwise judgment may be entered against you of Lewis Silkin, 1 Butler Place, Buckingham Gate, London SW1H 0PT Dated 15th day of October 1993 Plaintiffs Solicitors

The Insolvency Act 1986 In the High Court of Justice Number 11944 of 1992 In the Matter of CLUB RIVIERA PLC (In Liquidation) I, Clive Robert Hammond, of Pridie Brewster, 29-31 Greville Street, London EC1N 8RB, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have been duly appointed and certified by a Court Order as Liquidator of the said Company in place of Mr. M. Hinton of C. Jacobs & Co. on 24th September 1993. All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the company must deliver them to me, and all debts due to the company must be paid to me. Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their Proof of Debt to me. Dated this 12th day of October, 1993. C.R. HAMMOND, Liquidator.

HILLS (Enfield) LIMITED (In Administrative Receivership) Registered Number: 707823. Nature of business: General Builders & Office Refurbishment. Trade classification: 23. Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 8th October 1993. Name of person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: The Royal Bank of Scotland. Joint Administrative Receivers: Colin George Wiseman & Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos: 6712 & 6829) of Booth White 6 Raleigh House, Admirals Way, Waterside, London, E14 9SN.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ROYAL WANSTEAD FOUNDATION The ANNUAL COURT of SUBSCRIBERS will be held at 12:30pm on Wednesday 27th October next at St. Ermin's Hotel, Caxton Street, London SW1. Copies of the Annual Report and Accounts for the period ended 31st July 1993 and the Agenda for the Court are being circulated to all Subscribers. Clerk to the Foundation

PUBLIC NOTICES

POTATO MARKETING BOARD
THE POTATO MARKETING SCHEME
ELECTIONS
OF DISTRICT MEMBERS 1993

The Potato Marketing Board announces that, in accordance with the provisions of the Potato Marketing Scheme, the following District Members have been re-elected unopposed with effect from 1st November 1993. All these Members will hold office until 31st October 1997.

Name of District	Area	Current Member
Southern East Anglia	Essex, Hertfordshire, Middlesex and London (inc. the City), Suffolk	P G Rix
Central England	Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire (inc. the Soke of Peterborough), Nottinghamshire, Rutland	C A Strawson
Wales	Wales and Monmouthshire	J A Davies
East Riding of Yorkshire	East Riding of Yorkshire	P B T Beal

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COMPANY NOTICES

MIM HOLDINGS LIMITED
ACN 009 814 019
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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of MIM Holdings Limited will be held at the Sheraton Brisbane Hotel, 249 Turbot Street, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia on Tuesday, November 9, 1993 at 10.00 am.

Ordinary Business:

1. Receipt and consideration of reports and financial statements for the financial year ended June 27, 1993
2. Election of Directors retiring by rotation

Special Business:

1. Approval of participation by Executive Director in Employee Share Scheme

By Order of the Board
D M Munro, Secretary and General Counsel
Brisbane, October 15 1993

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The bank bruiser accused of wrecking Japan's recovery

Yasushi Mieno, head of the Bank of Japan, cured the inflation fever of the 1980s. But his medicine has proved too strong, Joanna Pitman says



Hailed as a hero in 1989, Yasushi Mieno is now cast as a villain

Central bankers often have to play the bully, to pull on hobnail boots and stamp on their constituents' financial soft spots. But few have embraced the task with the gusto of Yasushi Mieno. Within days of being named governor of the Bank of Japan in December 1989, Mr Mieno yanked up interest rates, abruptly ending Japan's bull market of the late 1980s and sending the world's second largest economy into a sharp downturn.

His reputation has not softened with time. An aversion to inflation and a mulish belief in the need for tight monetary policies have allowed only a painfully slow easing of interest rates. The approach has appeared so intransigent to business people as to be deliberately damaging.

Some claim that the 69-year-old central banker has ruined Japan's chances of recovery — at least in the medium term; others go further, declaring that his obduracy has destroyed the economic growth of the entire world. Politicians have threatened to have him sacked, bureaucrats have thrown up their hands at his cussedness and ruined investors have issued death threats.

Last month, Mr Mieno, about to enter his fifth and final year of office, introduced his seventh cut in the official discount rate (the rate the Bank of Japan charges financial institutions for loans). He trimmed it by 75 basis points to a record low of 1.75 per cent. But most, as usual, dismissed the cut as too little, too late.

Mr Mieno cannot bring himself to admit what all private-sector and many public-sector economists agree on: that the Japanese economy is in bad shape. "The economy's growth potential has not greatly changed," he said last week.

The figures are not so sanguine. Gross national product (GNP) growth has officially shrunk to 2 per cent, a number most private-sector economists say is wildly optimistic. Many predict negative growth for fiscal 1993. Bank of Japan figures show industrial output declined for the 23rd consecutive month in August. Companies are cutting capital investment for the fourth year running. Accumulated bad bank debt has reached an estimated Y60 trillion (£375 billion) and waves of businesses have gone bankrupt — 18,000 are expected to fail this year.

Consumer confidence is weak and getting worse as leading companies warn of pay cuts and staff reductions. NTT, the telecommunications group, last month announced plans to shed 10,000 staff through voluntary retirement by the end of next year. Toshiba has spoken of possible wage and bonus cuts and said that incentives will have to be offered to encourage 5,000 surplus employees to leave in the next three to five years. The yen's 20 per cent rise against the dollar this year has further damaged exporting industries and encouraged manufacturers to shift labour-intensive production to low-cost countries.

In August, the new coalition government introduced Japan's third economic stimulus package in 13 months, a Y6.2 trillion hamper of public spending and fiscal boosts. But the impact of the first two — much larger, at Y10.7 trillion and Y13 trillion — is not yet in evidence. Nor are Tokyo's trading partners in an accommodating mood. America is complaining of Japan's still ballooning trade surplus, and the EC is demanding deregulation and greater access for imports.

If only Mr Mieno had loosened monetary policy earlier, said Hiroshi Kumagai, an unusually outspoken minister at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (Miti), none of this would have happened. The least the central bank chief could do, he said, was to approve the big income tax cut that finance and industry wanted, to reinvigorate domestic consumer demand.

There are clear parallels with the early 1950s. When Mr Mieno joined the Bank of Japan in 1949, his role model was Naoto Ichimada, the then governor. Mr Ichimada was an uncompromising deflationist whose ingrained fear of inflation stemmed from years spent in Germany in the 1920s. His tight-fisted monetary policy was considered responsible for the *kubikiri fukeiki* (the job cuts recession) of the early 1950s. In 1956, soon after he retired, Japan escaped from the deflationary spiral by introducing its biggest-ever income tax cut. This triggered a sustained period of rapid growth.

Mr Mieno, who early in his career became known as "the prince", because he had clearly been anointed as a future governor, came from a humble background. He had spent his university days supporting his family by peddling soap and butter and boarding cheaply in a sumo wrestling stable. Today, he is a member of the sumo association and during sumo tournaments is briefed every evening on the day's performances.

The rough treatment he had experienced as a sumo minion stood him in good stead when he tackled the sumo-sized asset inflation problem that he inherited as governor from Satoshi Sumita, his jovial, snowy-haired predecessor.

In 1989, Mr Mieno set out to puncture what he called "the bubble economy" — the bloated and over-indulged bull market of the late 1980s, which had propelled stock prices to three times their 1985 levels and pushed land prices so high that a square metre in Tokyo's Ginza district was selling for $300,000.

Banks fell over themselves to lend to equity and property speculators, individuals over-borrowed to buy assets and popular magazines ran profiles of single women who stood to inherit property and stock portfolios. "The asset price spiral nurtured a shift in personal values ... and encouraged individuals and companies to worship money above all else ... the ethical fabric of society suffered," a finance ministry report says.

It fell to Mr Mieno to bring the party to an end. Cranking up interest rates from 2.5 to 6 per cent in his first eight months, he rescued Japan from spiralling inflation and was hailed for a short while as a hero. But yesterday's hero has turned into today's villain. The cerebral governor, who reads Dostoyevsky (wags are convinced his favourite is *The Gambler*), is now confronted with asset price deflation on a scale unknown since the war.

Some say that no one could have predicted the scale and speed of the economic slowdown. A senior Miti official said: "None of us had experience of such economic sluggishness, having been used to economic growth rates of between 4 and 10 per cent for the past 40-odd years. Mr Mieno should not be blamed."

Alex Kinmont, a strategist at Morgan Stanley in Tokyo, said: "He is an extremely competent central banker but both he and the bank as an institution have been hampered by an excessive fear of inflation. He failed to limit the damage of the deflationary spiral at an early stage, when he could have done so by relaxing monetary policy."

Others are less forgiving. "Since 1989, we have seen, first, the attack on the bubble, then an attempt at damage control when it went too far, and now we are almost in a state of panic," said Jesper Koll, economist at S G Warburg, who forecasts a 0.6 per cent contraction in the economy for fiscal 1993.

Some say Mr Mieno has tried too hard to be independent rather than politically compliant, going out of his way to rebuff finance ministry and other pressures to ease monetary policy. But though there is no point in being independent if it means being wrong, Mr Mieno has a few diehard fans.

"He fought the bubble very bravely and has brought the economy down to a level of adjustment that was long overdue," said Yukio Noguchi, an economist at Hitotsubashi University. "He will be remembered as the greatest Bank of Japan governor in history."

TEMPUS

Golden cables

BELL Atlantic's bid for 20 per cent of the American cable market says much about the escalating value being placed on the marriage between telephone systems and broadcast entertainment. The US telecoms company seems prepared to sustain significant earnings dilution to ensure it has a toehold in a market which is still undergoing tumultuous technological and financial change.

In the UK, the stakes are as high but the going is slower. British Telecom wants a slice of the action and has the financial muscle to become a major player in delivering home entertainment. It also has the advantage of 20 million customers on the end of a strand of copper wire which BT says can be used to transfer good quality video pictures.

Regulation is the obstacle to BT moving into the cable market. Its licence prohibits the use of the network for the delivery of broadcast entertainment until the end of the century, a measure designed to prevent the creation of a cable TV monopoly on the back of a dominance in telephony. The American telephone giants have leapt into the open window and cable networks are grabbing customers from BT at 20,000 a month, by providing telephone services alongside entertainment.

BT is concerned about the loss of business, but the position is not so bad. The company would like to sell films on demand down the telephone wires and the Independent Television Commission has given its blessing. The loss of some telephone customers could also be a boon, limiting the scope for being tarred as a monopolist in 1997. By then BT can move in to the industry, waving a fat chequebook, just like Ma Bell.

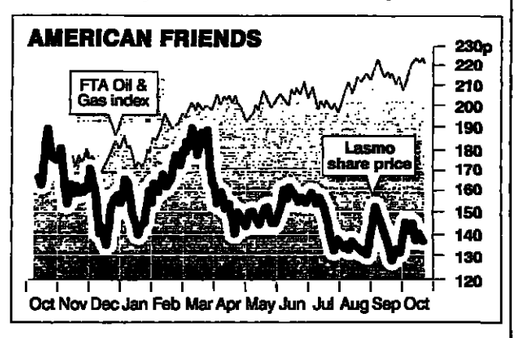
Lasmo

LASMO's response to the downgrading of its senior debt by Moody's, the American rating agency, sounded distinctly irritable. The oil exploration company used to have plenty of American friends, particularly fund managers who have aggressively bought Lasmo shares in recent months. US buying has not, however, stemmed the fall in the share price, weighed down by British bears who remain concerned about the company's gearing and sensitivity to weak oil prices.

US investors are focusing on relative cash flow multiples and see Lasmo, whose production profile is beginning to peak, as a cheap stock compared to comparable American exploration companies. The latter are also, on average, more highly geared than Lasmo, whose debt to equity ratio, currently more than 90 per cent, is set to fall as cash begins to flow from the Liverpool Bay project.

Gearing is a blessing when asset values are rising but oil prices have lacked lustre since the September Opec agreement, with spot Brent crude dipping below $17 per barrel yesterday. Lasmo's critics point to its budgeted oil price of $19, compared with costs of £11, leaving little margin for profit.

Lasmo's real dilemma is how to reinvest in its future. Oil wells are depreciating assets and Lasmo has to live with the conundrum of how to replace wells whose cost is nearly as high as the oil fetches on the open market.



Stock Exchange

THE latest hints from the chairman of the Stock Exchange suggest its guidance on how to update information available to the market is not likely to resolve the issue. Few dispute that "selective release of price sensitive information can have no place in a capital market" but all the elements in that beg their own questions.

Unless companies and their brokers have the confidence to make their own interpretations, there is, as he argues "a risk that the market will be deafened by a flood of relatively minor points of information". Nor are formal Exchange announcements necessarily fair to small investors.

For instance, newspapers published outside market hours can be one of the fairest means of nudging and winking to the market. General briefings of analysts must be legitimate and reports by the company's broker could also help more, if it is not the marketing arm of a market-maker. Perhaps the most important issue is that of company forecasts or best estimates, currently frowned on. Since much price-sensitive information is about current year trading, both regulatory pressure and legal threat are helping to create the problem the Exchange is finding so hard to resolve.

BSM Group

INVESTORS in BSM should be resigned to a few years in the slow lane, and with the handbrake on to boot. While the aim is to grow a couple of subsidiary businesses, expansion of the core operation relies both on economic recovery to boost sales of driving lessons, a high-cost purchase easily deferred in recession, and demographic trends that will shortly put more teenagers on the roads.

That said, the 4.25 per cent yield and 14.8 tax normalised price-earnings multiple on which BSM is being floated have some appeal, representing respectively a 7.5 per cent premium and a similar discount to the market. BSM will be rubbing shoulders with the newly recategorised Rank Organisation in the unexciting business services sector, and while institutional demand for the placing has been strong, this is not one for the stags.

Body Shop

BODY Shop rode in on the crest of the eighties wave in niche retailing but, unlike many rivals, has not been beached. Rapid international expansion has protected it from the worst of Britain's high street recession, with 64 per cent of profits now generated overseas, where overall sales growth remains impressive. But like-for-like sales have slowed rapidly. Even in America, where the format is relatively new, they are just 4 per cent up.

Investors do not want to see the group repeating the British pattern, where like-for-like sales fell a further 5 per cent in the first half. Securing growth only by opening new stores is not a sustainable formula. The group can, however, still achieve savings in its manufacturing operations. Indeed gross margins are currently on an upward trend thanks to strict cost control. That is not enough to justify a prospective p/e of around 19.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Hotelier Bartels given a bouquet

HATS off to Juergen Bartels, president of the mighty Carlson Hospitality Group, the hotels and restaurants arm of America's fifth largest private company. He was in London yesterday for an award luncheon graced by the Princess of Wales during which the Radisson Edwardian Hotel at Heathrow Airport was declared "best new business hotel" in the world, following a poll by readers of *Business Traveller* magazine. Edwardian Hotels of London and Radisson Hotels International, owned by Carlson, have teamed up in the UK under the Radisson Edwardian label — sending a shiver, no doubt, through an industry hit by recession. Bartels said: "Carlson has $11.3 billion in sales, 98,000 employees, and is number one in the US travel market," adding that there are no plans to float the company. "Our goal is to open a new hotel and restaurant every 5.5 days, and a new travel office every day." Carlson Travel, the other half of the group, has 2,300 US travel agents, and owns AT Mays in Britain. Earlier, the Princess of Wales paid glowing tribute to Lord King for his work at British Airways, thanking him for his "outstanding contribution" to the industry. BA was voted Best Airline for the sixth year running.

Air miles

THE myth that City stockbrokers are just punks in pinstripes who have never ventured north of Watford was proved sadly true yesterday by Paul Morris, retail analyst at Goldman Sachs. Scheduled to speak at a retail conference at Manchester Business School, Morris decided the only way to go was by plane. Finding the British Airways' Manchester flight fully booked, he decided to take the British Midlands service to Middlesbrough ... not realising that the cities are some 100 miles apart. Morris finally turned up embarrassingly late, and won little sympathy from colleagues. As one of them put it: "Look on the bright side. The audience probably only had to endure a ten-minute speech rather than the hour-long one he was planning to give."

Flood of help

COMMERCIAL "We won't make a drama out of a crisis" Union has provided some timely tips for customers at risk from flooding. It advises them to block low-level entrances with sandbags and move as much furniture upstairs as possible. Those who live in a bungalow or on the ground floor, it continues, should try to stack as much above the water level as possible. Fair enough, but from here on there creeps in a note of drama: "Take a supply of drinking water, food, a battery radio, a torch and Wellington boots upstairs ... and remember all your domestic pets." I should hope so.

Medicine City

NEWS that the City has all but abandoned its fight to be the home of the European Central Bank is grim indeed — and it gets worse. Word from Frankfurt, tipped as the winner in the contest, is that Britain is to be offered a consolation prize to smooth ruffled feathers. I gather that two possibilities — a European trademark office, or FBI-style police liaison group — have been ruled out in favour of ... a medicines evaluation agency. A poor second to the Central Bank, certainly, but it could create up to 350 jobs.

Lloyd's luxury

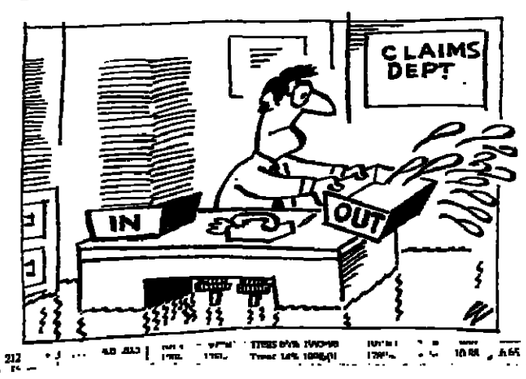
TARGETING Lloyd's names as potential customers for a luxury holiday seems a bit rich, given the financial strain many names are under due to the insurance market's billions of pounds of losses. But one travel agency, Crest Travel, is doing just that. Names are being offered a "holiday of a lifetime" with a 22-day trip around the world, stopping in New Zealand, Singapore and Fiji — a mere snip at £2,795. The trip, involving two weeks in New Zealand, is billed as "a truly magic holiday, the perfect tonic for these trying times". Names are urged to "put Lloyd's of London's woes behind you" and sign up. The offer may seem at odds with names' predicament, but the location of the firm may provide some insight. Crest Travel is based in Ireland.

Bugging the boss

TOMORROW, America's company chiefs should discover what their staff really think of them. To help celebrate National Boss' Day, Cincinnati Zoo is challenging staff to "adopt" an animal in favour of their employer. For a sum of $5, the zoo will send the victim a certificate informing him, or her, of their honour, without (one sincerely hopes) identifying the source. Animals available for the more imaginative partipants include: striped skunks, blood-sucking assassin bugs, hissing cockroaches, bearded pigs, spiny toads, golden eagles, red-necked ostriches and king cheetahs.

A small company in West Yorkshire earns its keep by cleaning and returning nappies. It is called Bum Wrap.

JON ASHWORTH



BUSINESS LETTERS

Goode fails to address fundamental pensions issues

From Mr Don Packwood

Sir, From what has appeared in the press, it would seem that the members of Roy Goode's Pension Law Review Committee have not properly addressed the fundamental issues in their terms of reference, which were:

To review the framework of law and regulation within which occupational schemes operate, taking into account *the rights and interests of scheme members, pensioners and employers; to consider in particular the status and ownership of occupational pension funds* and the accountability and roles of trustees, fund managers, auditors, and pension scheme advisors; and to make recommendations.

They are recommending:

☐ A new pension watchdog to supervise company schemes;
☐ Employers should make minimum contributions to their pension funds;
☐ A compensation scheme for employees who lose their pensions through fraud or theft, but not through poor investment management;
☐ Actuaries to make annual insolvency reports and report crooked employers.

Are they the The No Good Committee? They have not:

☐ Stated that pension funds belong to the beneficiaries and *not* employers;
☐ Created a pension tribunal so that claims can be dealt with quickly;
☐ Provided a system for funding members making claims to tribunals;
☐ Recognised pension contributions are deferred pay;
☐ Given members rights as pension fund shareholders;
☐ Given members rights to share in distribution of surpluses proportionate to their levels of contribution;
☐ Proposed pensioner representation on trustee boards in large schemes;
☐ Provided model deeds and rules. Determined standard funding and valuation assumptions and criteria.

The committee has failed to address the question of ownership of pension funds and accountabilities of the parties involved. Has Goode succumbed to political pressure and the employers' lobby?

Yours faithfully,
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Danger in prudence

From Mr Rodney Exton

Sir, Eastward look! The land is not so bright. I returned last week from the Atlantic Treaty Association annual assembly in Athens where many of the British delegates spent a good deal of time with observers from Central European countries, formerly captives of the Soviet bloc. They feel that the West lacks the courage to receive them back wholeheartedly into the world to which historically and culturally they belong.

Tuition in free-market economics and democratic practices supported by financial stimulants, essential and welcome as this form of help may be, in no sense restores them to the family in which their elder generations grew up and created their institutions. As things are, they feel on the outside looking in.

The Central European countries who this year attended the ATA assembly as observers were at the end of it given trial membership status. The West may have honoured its own cold logic by putting them on the waiting list but, after years of exclusion, the applicants are not motivated by reason.

Prudence rules the West but in reality caution and delay will build up the greater risks in Europe. The official comment that we must allow them time to develop is a condescending rebuff which takes the future for granted. It imprudently disregards the covert survival of an "old boy" network in every former Warsaw pact state which is there awaiting its opportunity, as we have just witnessed in Poland.

Yours faithfully,
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Inflation via Europe

From Mr David Kut

Sir, In his annual accounts and report for 1993, the chairman of Armour Trust plc states that "the European Community's agricultural policy effectively maintains sugar prices at two and a half times the level of world prices; this means that confectionary is more expensive than it otherwise might be".

What is the point of HM Government ferociously fighting inflation at home (at great human cost) if rampant inflation is permitted to flood in via the EEC back door?

The British public surely has the right to know!

Yours faithfully,
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Settling for the private investor

From Mr A. C. Davis

Sir, Sources quoted by Michael Clark ("Market changes the rules to put dealers on a roll", October 6) refer to "opportunities that will arise" and "encouragement of more people to *invest* in the UK market".

According to a recent circular from my broker, under the rolling settlement system he *will not purchase shares* unless he *already has* "cleared funds from the client". Since I do not propose to keep a large proportion of my liquid funds in a broker's account, this means that I will no longer be able to deal on the stock exchange as a private client. Is this progress? I would have no objection to delivering a cheque on a bank account containing ample funds to the broker on the day following a purchase (or on receipt of a contract note): why can this not qualify as one-day settlement?

Similarly, the broker will not be prepared to sell unless he *previously* has "good delivery" of the stock. This would mean that I could no longer keep my own share certificate, and that also would be unacceptable. I hope it is clearly understood that these rolling settlement arrangements will effectively abolish the private investor.

Yours faithfully,
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Harrogate,
North Yorks.

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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Masterrust	130.40	139.40	-0.40	1.33
International	101.60	108.40	-0.10	.46
Dividend Gth	61.26	65.17	-0.35	4.31
Global Gth Sec	63.71	67.77	-0.10	2.80
Ethical Growth	70.45	74.84	-0.31	2.43
High Inc Equity	163.00	173.30†	-0.80	4.54
Worldwide Bond	272.00	288.30	-0.90	3.64
Gilts Fixed Int	136.50	144.70†	-0.20	5.53

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30 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7QQ
071 374 6807

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	44.52	46.98†	-0.13	0.67
European	95.08	100.80	-0.82	...
European Inc	90.07	95.64†	-0.46	1.57
Exempt	963.30	1011.6†	+1.00	3.77
Extra Inc	50.58	54.96†	-0.06	4.75
F East Emerg Ec	99.36	107.00	-0.13	0.61

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL
0793 514514
Dealing: 0793 610366

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc	413.10	441.60†	-0.10	3.58
Equity Inc	232.30	248.30	-1.10	3.53
High Yield	259.00	276.80	+0.10	3.44
Balanced	680.80	727.70	-0.20	2.35
American Inc	50.83	54.33	+0.49	2.96
Wld Asset Val	44.65	47.73	+0.04	0.57
Japan	215.00	220.20	-2.10	0.01
Secs of Am	422.90	450.60	+2.70	0.56

AXA EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry CV1 1QD. 0203 553231

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	338.00	359.60†	-1.50	2.59
-do- Inc	236.60	251.80†	-1.10	2.59
Higher Inc Acc	638.20	678.00†	-2.30	3.60
-do- Inc	381.40	405.80†	-1.40	3.60
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	188.60	199.20†	-0.10	5.88
-do- Inc	96.44	101.80†	-0.10	5.88
Nth America	260.00	276.90†	+2.00	...
Far East	334.50	355.90†	-0.80	0.03
Europe	256.30	272.90†	-1.40	0.85
General Inc	452.80	481.80†	-2.20	2.37
-do- Acc	502.20	534.30†	-2.50	2.37
Brit Excell	68.30	72.66	-0.35	2.62
Brit Fndmtls Inc	73.91	78.63†	-0.13	4.35
Brit Fndmtls Acc	97.10	103.30†	-0.10	4.35
Global Opps	81.33	86.53	+0.08	...

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MANAGERS
36 Queen St, London, EC4R 1BN
071 489 8673

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit O seas	268.60	282.70	+1.00	1.21
Capital Gwth	110.40	116.20	...	2.34
Worldwide Opps	168.40	177.30	...	0.53

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
Gredley Hse, 1-11 Broadway, London E15
081 534 5544

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	113.60	121.50	-0.50	2.77
Euro Gth Inc	130.10	138.10	-0.70	0.62
Extra Inc	114.70	122.60†	-0.60	4.35
General	260.50	278.60†	-1.30	2.76
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.98	64.07†	-0.02	7.89
Income	526.50	563.10	-2.30	4.11

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ
081 658 9002

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	96.37	102.30	...	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	130.60	139.60	+0.30	...
Convertibles	56.62	60.55†	+0.09	6.20
Eastern	224.90	242.30	+1.70	1.80
Equity Income	90.46	96.23	-0.36	6.20
European Gth	265.20	281.80	-1.70	1.50
Europe	175.10	186.90	-1.00	1.50
Exempt	90.08	92.49	...	3.50
German Growth	71.32	75.91	-0.46	0.70
Global Growth	118.70	126.80	+0.10	...
Japan Growth	208.30	221.30	-2.10	...
Japan Sunrise	184.30	197.00	-0.80	...
Portfolio	128.90	137.70	-0.20	3.30
-do- Acc	231.70	247.60	-0.40	3.20
UK Growth	89.74	95.46	-0.15	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	91.40	97.75	-0.19	1.90
Select Managers	70.45	75.36	-0.09	2.00

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041 332 3132

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	112.50	120.33	-0.46	1.55
-do- Inc	101.63	108.70†	-0.41	1.55
Global Bond	31.01	32.90	-0.09	5.03
High Yield Acc	59.80	63.96	-0.18	3.22
-do- Inc	42.56	45.52†	-0.13	3.22
Smllr Cos Acc	102.74	109.88	-0.01	1.03
-do- Inc	94.43	100.99	-0.01	1.03
Amer Gth Acc	65.32	69.86	+0.05	...
-do- Inc	64.10	68.56	+0.05	...
Euro Gth Acc	117.51	125.67	-0.16	0.17
-do- Inc	115.10	123.10†	-0.15	0.17
Mngd P folio	39.50	42.24†	-0.09	1.18
Pacific Growth	116.41	124.50	+0.28	1.18
Intl Spec Opps	104.51	111.77	-0.74	0.16

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	144.80	154.20†	-0.50	2.72
Smaller Cos Acc	329.30	350.70	-0.40	...
Smaller Cos Inc	191.60	206.90†	-0.30	1.05
High Inc	77.63	83.06†	-0.31	6.31
Income	132.80	142.10†	-1.90	3.87
Mngd P folio Inc	99.95	106.40	...	1.87
-do- Acc	190.20	202.60	+0.30	...
North American	113.70	121.00	...	0.18
Orient	138.50	149.30	-2.10	...
Recovery	46.19	49.65	+0.03	2.25
German	49.15	52.74	-0.29	0.08
Intl Growth	37.90	40.36	-0.24	0.19
European Inc	24.46	26.31†	-0.13	0.43

BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7216

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Shi Gth Fxd Int	68.61	69.54	+0.07	5.01

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
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061 837 5060

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	143.40	152.60	-0.70	1.52
UK Growth	157.00	167.10	-0.80	1.98
UK Income	131.80	140.30†	-0.60	3.99

CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS
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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
SE Asia	105.70	113.10	+0.30	0.90
Growth	47.05	50.32	+0.06	3.32
Income	58.69	62.77	-0.23	3.79
Far East	53.19	56.89	+0.05	...
North American	97.81	105.20	-0.30	...
Global	98.02	102.70	-0.30	0.39
European	80.54	86.10	-0.63	0.91
Japan	117.40	125.60†	-1.20	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	60.73	64.38†	-0.14	5.91
UK Cap Gwth	86.23	92.23†	-0.56	2.03

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
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Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	138.80	147.70†	...	0.06
-do- Acc	147.40	156.90	-0.10	0.06
European	73.15	77.40†	-0.64	0.80
-do- Acc	76.31	80.75	-0.66	0.80
Far East Gen	67.99	72.34	-0.49	...
-do- Acc	67.99	72.34	-0.49	...
Smaller Cos	73.00	77.67†	+0.22	1.67
-do- Acc	82.42	87.69	+0.25	1.67
Growth	405.80	434.10†	-1.60	2.26
-do- Acc	703.60	752.60	-2.70	2.26
Income Growth	405.30	431.10	-2.00	3.60
-do- Acc	550.50	585.70	-2.70	3.60
Master Portfolio	10233.0	10605.0	-48.00	2.11
-do- Acc	11981.0	12429.0	-57.00	2.11
Special Sits	92.83	98.76	-1.34	2.22
-do- Acc	109.73	116.74	-1.59	2.22
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1315.0	1366.0	-7.00	4.05
-do- Acc	1552.0	1600.0	-8.00	4.05

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071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	195.10	207.70	-0.20	1.23
Capital	568.20	606.80†	+0.30	2.21
Eurotrack 100	147.00	156.50	-1.00	1.53
Euro Gth	93.54	99.80	-0.70	0.84
Far East Growth	103.00	109.90	-0.50	...
Global Bond	24.32	25.64	-0.03	5.53
Hong Kong	96.84	103.40	+0.90	0.58
Income	546.20	582.90†	-0.90	3.82
Intl Growth	77.40	82.60	-0.46	0.17
Japan Growth	288.90	308.30†	-4.70	...
Japan Smllr Cos	37.39	39.90	-0.72	...
Japan Index	83.92	88.50	-1.06	0.12
Nth American	446.90	477.00	-0.50	0.16
S pore Mly Gth	72.01	76.83	+0.08	...
The Footsie Fd	114.90	121.30	+0.20	2.54
Tiger Index	176.70	188.60†	+3.90	0.52
Trade Index	110.60	118.00†	-1.70	2.13
UK Index	132.10	141.00	...	2.82

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
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071 606 0708

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	89.56	95.69	+0.69	1.01
European P folio	84.42	90.10†	-0.12	0.88
Japanese P folio	70.03	74.48	-0.53	...
Pacific P folio	124.00	132.26	+0.20	0.93
Cazenove P folio	78.48	83.94	...	2.41
UK Income Gth	70.73	75.79†	+0.02	4.29
Utility & Bond	57.70	58.10	-0.02	7.00

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	646.95	663.15	...	4.56
Fixed Int	164.20	164.40	...	8.82
Deposit	5.60	..	5.72	...

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	639.88	644.49	...	4.64
-do- Acc	2542.4	2570.7	...	...
Deposit	5.50	...	5.61	...
Fxd Int Inc	133.50	133.83	...	8.67
-do- Acc	184.80	185.27	...	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1
071 407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	68.23	71.84†	...	2.10
Beckman Intl	91.29	96.44	...	2.75
Friars Hse Inc	199.35	210.95	...	4.98
Friars Hse Cap	270.06	285.78	...	1.53

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222
Dealing: 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Income	157.78	167.85†	-0.65	5.18
Equity Incom Acc	525.46	559.00	-2.15	5.18
Fixed & Convert	44.59	47.44†	...	5.99
Fixed & Conv Acc	120.41	128.10	+0.01	5.99
Monthly Income	52.01	55.33†	...	8.10
Preference	51.34	54.62†	+1.89	7.09
Preference Acc	272.10	289.47	+10.01	7.09
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.83	134.93†	-0.60	5.48
High Yield Acc	497.02	528.74	-2.39	5.48
Managed Fund	65.66	69.84†	-0.24	2.81
Managed Fd Acc	81.07	86.25	-0.29	2.81
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.66	43.25	-0.03	1.90
Smaller Cos Acc	46.14	49.09	+0.03	1.90
UK & General	72.61	77.24†	-0.17	2.96
UK & General Acc	88.79	94.46	-0.21	2.96
UK Growth	126.18	134.23	-0.30	1.67
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	170.47	181.35	-1.87	...
Far East Growth	122.96	130.81	-0.03	0.32
Global Bond	86.67	92.11†	-0.24	5.93
Gold & Comm	59.72	63.53	+0.33	...
Japan Growth	123.67	131.56	-1.54	...
North America	153.13	162.90	-0.17	...
Oriental Growth	70.75	75.27	+0.39	...
W'wide Growth	61.61	65.54†	-0.31	0.35
-do- Acc	64.27	68.37	-0.32	0.35
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.56	91.56†	+0.01	4.98
Deposit Fund Acc	93.96	93.96	+0.01	4.98
Quilter Fund	128.18	136.36	-0.77	2.18
Quilter Fund Acc	143.81	152.99	-0.86	2.18

CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD
3 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1AA. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 0277 690370

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	65.79	69.99	-0.22	1.88
-do- Acc	74.66	79.42	-0.24	1.88
Income Fund S	229.40	244.10	-1.10	3.66
-do- Acc	533.90	568.00	-0.24	3.66
Inv Portfolio	72.09	74.71	-0.35	2.03
-do- Acc	82.15	85.13	-0.41	2.03
Smaller Cos	137.40	146.20	...	1.35
-do- Acc	166.20	176.90	...	1.35
High Inc P folio	65.42	67.80	-0.22	4.01

EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ
0242 577 555

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Oriental Op Acc	101.80	108.30†	+0.80	.73
Japanese Acc	65.80	70.00†	-0.68	...
UK Balncd Inc	134.00	142.60	-0.70	2.41
-do- Acc	158.10	168.20	-0.90	2.41
UK Growth Acc	216.60	230.40	-1.30	1.94
UK High Inc	147.00	156.40	-0.50	5.66
-do- Acc	177.90	189.30	-0.60	5.66
N America Acc	118.10	125.60	+0.60	.21
European Acc	177.00	188.30	-1.20	.52
UK Pref F/I Inc	63.02	66.83	-0.10	6.59
-do- Acc	103.70	110.00	-0.20	6.59
Intl Sp Sits Acc	52.32	55.66†	+0.02	.20
Environmntl Opp	77.20	82.13†	-0.37	1.50

EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	117.30	124.60	-0.10	0.40
UK Smlr Cos	217.70	230.20	+0.30	1.09
Eurofund	41.99	44.44	-0.36	0.90
Mngd Exempt	180.20	187.80	+1.70	2.80
Growth Inc	227.40	241.60	-0.10	3.10
High Dist	157.90	167.80	+0.30	4.47
Intl Inc	356.30	378.20	-0.60	0.86
Intl Income	88.68	94.88†	-0.03	2.74
Pacific	70.05	74.43†	+0.17	0.40
Smllr Jap Cos	79.19	84.14	-1.56	...
Tokyo	218.20	231.80†	-4.20	...
Japan Exempt	125.90	128.90	-0.80	0.39
Sm Jap Exempt	633.00	650.40	-9.90	0.08
Equity Income	131.70	139.30†	-0.20	3.59
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	156.40	165.60	-1.30	0.46
Financial	47.13	50.08†	+0.16	2.38
Global Opps Inc	94.01	99.89	-0.91	1.00
-do- Acc	97.44	103.50	-0.90	1.00
Gold Gen Inc	48.97	51.91	-0.05	0.58
-do- Acc	93.99	99.63	-0.11	0.58
Japan General	169.40	180.00	-3.40	...
Preference	24.13	25.64†	-0.04	7.09
Worldwide Cap	216.80	230.40	-0.30	1.74
World Income	...	...	...	...

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7361

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance	190.10	202.20†	+0.70	0.98

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pelican	111.23	117.08†	-0.10	3.27
High Income	132.53	139.29	-0.18	4.47
Tst of Inv Tsts	169.15	178.05	+0.28	2.12
Special Sits	87.81	92.43†	+0.14	2.17
North American	112.34	118.25†	+1.33	1.01
Far Eastern	280.92	295.70	+1.30	1.36
Intl Growth	104.37	109.86	+0.31	1.33
European	71.95	75.74	-0.16	1.84
Smaller Cos	73.72	77.60	+0.12	2.02

FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE
0273 220 787

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United Charities	235.30	250.30†	-3.60	3.81

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.30
European Tst	150.60	160.20†	...	...
High Income	27.48	28.92†	-0.03	5.33

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	104.70	110.70	-0.60	0.48
Far Eastern	148.20	159.10†	-1.10	...
High Income	23.57	25.09†	-0.09	10.00
Opens Income	96.90	103.90	-0.40	3.02
UK Growth	101.30	108.30	-0.60	1.16
UK Income	108.70	116.00	-0.60	5.17
US Smaller Cos	295.40	315.90†	+0.80	...

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth	53.45	56.76	+0.32	...
-do- Acc	53.45	56.76	+0.32	...
Am Smllr Co	471.10	503.70	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	481.30	514.70	+0.50	...
Capital	300.70	319.80†	+0.10	1.62
-do- Acc	423.20	450.10†	+0.10	1.62
Conti Smllr Cos	51.83	55.41	-0.34	0.87
-do- Acc	53.97	57.93	-0.34	0.87
Convertible	129.00	137.30	+0.10	5.31
-do- Acc	244.90	260.40	+0.10	5.31
Emg Mark	64.23	68.62	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	64.23	68.62	+0.30	...
European	108.60	115.90	-0.70	0.64
-do- Acc	113.40	120.90	-0.70	0.64
Extra Income	320.60	341.00	-1.40	3.55
-do- Acc	459.20	488.40	-1.90	3.55
Financial	122.10	130.50	+0.10	0.16
-do- Acc	127.80	136.60	+0.10	0.16
Gilt Gth Tst	67.23	69.32†	-0.35	5.67
-do- Acc	89.08	91.85†	-0.32	5.67
Health Fund Inc	130.80	139.70	+1.20	...
-do- Acc	130.80	139.70	+1.20	...
Income Tst	192.70	204.90	-1.00	3.55
-do- Acc	273.10	290.50	-1.20	3.55
Intl Growth	354.80	378.60	...	...
-do- Acc	394.00	420.40	-0.10	...
Japan Gen	192.10	205.20	-4.70	...
-do- Acc	194.00	207.30	-4.70	...
Mngd P folio Inc	99.57	104.60†	-0.20	0.71
-do- Acc	104.50	110.00†	-0.20	0.71
Monthly Income	163.50	173.90	-0.40	3.61
Qrtly Inc	54.17	57.62	-0.07	5.26
-do- Acc	54.94	58.44	-0.07	5.26
Recovery	321.50	343.80	-1.20	0.32
-do- Acc	377.70	403.90	-1.50	0.32
UK Growth	49.60	52.99	-0.13	2.43
-do- Acc	49.60	52.99	-0.13	2.43

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH
Dealing: 0722 413411
Administration: 0722 411622

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	372.95	396.76	-1.69	2.75
-do- Acc	761.58	810.19	-3.44	2.75
Euro Gth Dist	121.82	129.60	-0.94	0.69
-do- Acc	126.51	134.59	-0.98	0.69
Fixed Int Dist	139.73	147.80†	-0.39	5.75
-do- Acc	239.12	252.93†	-0.67	5.75
Intl Gth Dist	84.75	90.16	-0.25	0.58
-do- Acc	87.98	93.60	-0.25	0.58
Nth Amer Dist	176.54	187.81	-0.03	0.57
-do- Acc	192.41	203.82	-0.03	0.57
Pac Basin Dist	278.44	296.21	+0.82	0.01
-do- Acc	283.75	301.86	+0.83	0.01
Stewardship Dist	323.45	344.10	-0.49	1.90
-do- Acc	385.68	410.30	-0.59	1.90
Stwd Inc Dist	69.97	74.44	-0.01	3.11
-do- Acc	87.17	92.73	-0.01	3.11
N Am Stwd Dist	100.97	107.41	+0.13	...
-do- Acc	106.81	113.63	+0.13	...

GT UNIT MANAGERS
Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Sp Sits	142.90	152.90	+0.60	...
European	467.20	496.60	-2.00	1.46
Far East General	256.70	273.50	-2.30	0.26
Germany	117.00	123.90†	-0.30	...
Global Assets In	78.93	84.15	-0.13	0.89
Global Assets Ac	83.47	88.97	-0.15	0.89
Income Inc	141.50	151.40†	-0.30	5.21
International	315.00	336.40	-2.30	0.70
Intl Income	84.48	89.65	-0.30	3.94
Japan General	402.10	427.60	-4.10	...
Smllr Cos Div	50.90	54.44	+0.04	5.34
UK Capital Inc	178.30	190.60	-0.60	1.84
-do- Acc	307.30	328.70	-1.00	1.84
UK Spec Sits	85.13	91.05†	+0.53	0.41
US General	127.20	135.30	-0.60	0.25
W wide Spec Sits	140.60	149.80	-1.20	0.11

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.90	51.23	-0.07	2.07
Cash Trust*	130.70	130.70†	+0.02	5.08
Pract Inv Inc	110.45	118.33†	-0.04	3.73
-do- Acc	243.39	260.77†	-0.10	3.73
UK Smaller Cos	107.70	115.50†	-0.14	1.71
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.82	29.75	-0.03	7.87
High Inc	34.75	37.17	-0.01	4.74
UK Equity Inc	138.69	148.58	-0.35	3.59
Global Bond	30.38	31.47†	+0.08	4.42
International Funds				
Gold Intl	95.94	102.88	+1.33	0.99
Frontier Markets	49.20	52.76	+0.25	0.04
Global Inc Gth	127.91	136.21†	-0.48	3.60
UK Intl	130.23	139.28	-0.13	0.85
Overseas Funds				
American	136.06	145.40	+0.50	0.47
European	92.18	97.77	-0.53	0.93
Euro Sel Opps	113.28	120.51	-0.28	0.61
American Emerg	97.43	104.48	-1.07	...
Hong Kong	133.09	142.72	+1.38	1.94
Japan	240.36	255.99	-3.07	...
Pacific Growth	188.60	202.25	+0.88	0.06

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR.
071 378 7979
Dealing: 071 588 0826

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	139.17	148.84	-0.05	0.32
American Gth	144.97	155.05	-1.31	...
European Gth	73.63	78.64	-0.14	0.72
Japan Gth	83.84	89.65	-0.88	...
Greater China	158.77	169.81	+2.02	1.23
Pacific Strategy	144.79	154.86	+1.32	0.24
UK Prog Inc	83.68	88.12†	-0.32	4.35
British Growth	52.91	56.88	+0.01	2.27
UK Small Cos	46.63	49.87	-0.06	1.32

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	132.80	132.80	...	4.85
Gilt Fixed	132.20	140.40	-0.40	4.58
Growth Equity	309.50	330.60	-2.60	2.01
Guardhill	454.40	485.40	-3.60	2.12
Income Trust	130.80	139.00	-0.83	3.23
International	173.30	185.10†	-0.60	0.05
Japan Trust	130.70	139.60	-0.90	...
Nth American	269.10	287.50	-0.40	0.26
Pacific	479.70	512.40	+1.40	...
European	404.30	431.90	-2.60	0.33

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 608, Edinburgh EH15 1EW
0800 838666

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	37.66	39.92	-0.10	1.45
-do- Acc	39.67	42.06	-0.10	1.45
Inc Adv Inc	31.82	33.73†	...	3.60
-do- Acc	33.66	35.71	...	3.60

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227300
Dealing: 0277 690590

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Canadian	80.62	86.36	-0.52	0.47
Equity Income	124.10	132.00	-0.40	3.21
European	147.80	156.30	-1.60	1.03
Intl Situation	80.35	85.48	-0.57	...
Japanese	146.40	155.30†	-1.90	...
North American	96.78	102.70	-0.10	...
Scandinavian	134.20	142.60	-0.30	...
Smaller Cos	32.98	35.09	+0.74	1.82

HENDERSON
PO Box 2157, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enq: 0277 263290
Dealing: 0277 234772

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	101.80	108.81†	+0.28	...
Asian Enterprise	157.22	168.13	+1.00	0.34
European	432.77	458.07	-2.92	0.58
European Inc	78.32	82.80	-0.81	2.61
Euro Smll Co	131.66	139.88†	-0.73	0.54
Extra Income	280.10	298.19†	-1.09	5.29
Family of Funds	77.62	82.79	+0.04	0.55
Global Bond	58.96	62.72†	-0.15	6.54
High Inc	315.43	337.19	-1.10	3.80
Income Gth	258.45	275.24	-1.35	3.17
-do- Acc	668.53	711.98	-3.47	3.17
International	249.81	266.49†	-1.12	0.90
Japan Spc Sit	254.91	271.39†	-2.81	...
Japan	221.19	235.60	-3.03	...
N Amer	231.45	246.45	-1.01	...
Pacific Smllr Cos	224.04	238.33†	+0.58	0.16
Pref Gth	49.41	53.11	-0.31	7.68
Special Sits	275.80	295.10†	-0.02	1.54
-do- Acc	427.59	457.52	-0.04	1.54
Best of British	59.66	63.80	-0.25	2.17
Henderson TR				
Euro Spec Sits	53.54	56.93†	-0.22	0.75
-do- Acc	57.18	60.80	-0.23	0.75
Global Tech	145.13	155.21	-0.28	...
UK Smlr Cos	115.62	124.32	+0.18	1.34

HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	93.80	100.30	-0.20	2.08
Capital	162.90	174.20	-1.80	1.79
Dollar	326.80	349.50	+1.00	0.01
European	217.60	232.70	-1.50	0.55
Far East	277.90	297.20	+1.30	0.22
Financial	805.30	861.20†	-1.10	1.74
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.93	29.01	-0.22	7.13
High Yield	111.80	119.50	-0.20	4.10
Income	146.50	156.60	-0.60	3.05
Intl	228.20	244.00	-0.50	0.18
Japan Tech	72.98	78.05	-1.14	...
Nat Resources	62.87	67.24	+0.61	0.42
Security	313.20	334.90†	-1.70	1.83
Smaller Cos	119.00	127.20	...	1.12
Special Sits	143.60	153.50†	-0.70	1.54
US Smaller Cos	77.92	83.33	+0.20	...

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434.
Dealing: 0800 010733

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	26.99	28.85	-0.07	1.21
Special Features	29.95	31.82†	-0.10	1.92
-do- Acc	35.64	37.86†	-0.13	1.92
General Funds				
UK Growth	57.93	61.93	-0.20	1.87
Assets Earnings	75.15	79.84	-0.24	2.00
do Acc	89.68	95.28	-0.28	2.00
Managed Invest	94.94	101.30	-0.50	1.11
Rupert Children	79.87	85.17	-0.31	1.91
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.35	50.35†	+0.01	4.22
Extra Inc	86.37	92.49	-0.40	4.39
Gilt	29.57	31.14	-0.08	6.10
Income Gth	41.88	44.66	-0.22	3.33
MIMstar	79.05	80.81†	-0.05	7.37
Preference	18.91	20.09†	-0.03	6.17
UK Income	333.00	355.60†	-1.70	3.14
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	66.50	70.65	-0.21	1.05
Property Shares	75.72	81.33	-0.09	1.19
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	157.10	164.80	-0.70	3.80
European Acc	127.90	135.50†	-1.20	1.19
European Dist	120.60	127.70†	-1.10	1.19
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.93	51.97†	-0.37	0.82
European Perf	130.50	138.30	-0.80	0.15
-do- Acc	134.90	142.90	-1.00	0.15
Euro Small Cos	24.11	25.61†	+0.14	...
French Growth	72.00	76.49	-1.07	0.15
-do- Acc	76.91	81.71	-1.15	0.15
Hong K/China	80.74	85.78	+0.70	1.22
Intl Growth	54.97	58.40	-0.34	0.32
-do- Acc	54.97	58.40	-0.34	0.32
Japan Perf	34.83	37.00	-0.37	...
Accum Units	34.83	37.00	-0.37	...
Japan Smllr Cos	40.97	43.54†	-0.66	...
Singapore Asean	102.10	108.40	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	102.70	109.10	+0.30	...
South East Asia	279.40	296.10	-0.70	0.23
US Smllr Cos	113.40	120.40	+0.30	...
-do- Acc	114.60	121.70	+0.30	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	91.04	97.05	-0.43	1.88
Intl Bond	59.07	59.80†	-0.28	5.62

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	56.40	60.00†	-0.11	6.46
Gilt Yield	124.30	131.10†	-0.20	6.87
Global Income	219.40	233.40	+0.20	3.75
High Yield	143.10	152.20†	-0.32	5.63
Smllr Cos Div	54.19	57.65	+0.02	3.40
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	95.03	101.10	-0.90	...
North American	77.76	82.72	-0.17	0.41
European	143.70	152.90	-0.80	1.46
Euro Special	84.85	90.24	-0.35	1.39
General	276.80	294.50	-0.10	3.03
Japan	449.30	478.00	-8.90	...
Japanese Special	263.50	280.30	-5.20	...
Master Acc	235.50	250.50†	-0.60	0.86
Pacific	313.70	333.70†	-3.70	0.44
Smaller Cos	106.50	113.30	-3.30	1.49
UK Equity Gth	38.78	41.26	-0.94	1.70

LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
153 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB
031 550 5151

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	82.08	87.32	-0.49	0.90
Extra Income	25.38	27.00†	-0.17	3.85
Far East	30.42	32.36†	-0.11	0.26
Income Gwth	76.09	80.95†	-0.52	2.84
Intl Growth	55.62	59.17†	-0.15	0.58
Japan	68.93	73.33	-0.63	...
Maximum Dist*	100.90	102.90	+0.10	6.81
N Amer Equity	39.10	41.60	+0.04	0.34
UK Equity	91.81	97.67	-0.70	2.67

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071-407 5966

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Gth Inc	54.94	58.45	-0.12	4.28
Smaller Cos	47.76	50.54	+0.06	0.99

LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	449.50	478.20†	-1.40	2.47
Equity Acc	866.50	921.80†	-2.70	2.47
Equity Income	99.83	106.20	-1.40	4.22
European	106.50	113.30	-0.80	0.94
Far Eastern	211.90	225.40†	+0.50	...
Fixed Interest	55.99	59.45†	-0.05	5.42
Gilt	95.79	101.60	-0.20	5.27
Global Growth	74.03	78.76	-0.12	0.11
Intl Bond	57.95	61.53	-0.20	4.27
Japanese	75.44	80.26	-1.04	...
Overseas Equity	108.90	115.90	-0.20	...
Pacific Gth	105.40	112.10†	+1.30	0.26

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF
0634 834313

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	335.50	357.00	-1.90	2.61
-do- Acc	737.00	784.10	-4.20	2.61
Cond Euro Gth	57.76	60.80	-0.33	1.07
-do- Acc	61.08	64.30	-0.35	1.07
Extra Inc	255.00	271.30	-4.70	3.71
-do- Acc	630.40	670.70	-11.70	3.71
German Gth	122.30	128.80	+1.60	0.01
-do- Acc	128.50	135.10	+1.70	0.01
Growth Port	518.80	552.00†	-1.40	0.43
-do- Acc	522.50	555.90	-1.30	0.43
Income	487.30	518.50	-2.30	3.42
-do- Acc	1251.0	1331.0	-6.00	3.42
Income Port	516.70	549.70	-1.50	4.01
-do- Acc	524.30	557.80	-1.50	4.01
Japan Growth	102.00	113.90	-0.90	0.01
-do- Acc	107.40	114.30	-1.00	0.01
Master Trust	36.00	39.38	-0.13	1.19
-do- Acc	61.65	66.59	-0.15	1.19
N American Gen	194.90	207.40	+1.40	0.01
-do- Acc	225.10	239.50	+1.50	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	149.50	159.10	+0.80	0.01
-do- Acc	152.60	162.40	+0.80	0.01
Pacific Basin	248.30	264.20	+1.60	0.64
-do- Acc	262.40	279.20	+1.70	0.64
Small Cos Rec	327.80	345.10	-10.60	2.31
-do- Acc	426.90	449.40	-13.80	2.31
UK Growth	81.78	87.00	-0.45	2.17
-do- Acc	96.35	102.50	-0.60	2.17
Worldwide Gth	308.60	328.30	+0.20	0.13
-do- Acc	453.00	484.10	+0.30	0.13

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS
0392 282673

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	83.33	89.41	-0.45	2.60
Income	65.55	70.33†	-0.33	5.10
International	60.81	65.25	-0.16	0.80
American	61.01	65.46	-0.03	0.30
Japan	56.50	60.62	-0.70	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	64.43	69.13†	-0.05	1.60

M & G SECURITIES LTD
Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB
Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gen	391.40	413.90	+2.60	0.79
-do- Acc	483.50	511.30	+3.10	0.79
American Rec	440.10	465.40	+2.10	0.26
-do- Acc	504.30	533.20	+2.30	0.26
Am Sm Co Acc	136.80	144.70	+1.50	...
Australia Acc	181.70	192.20	+3.20	1.07
Capital	734.20	776.40	-0.70	2.16
-do- Acc	820.10	867.20	-0.80	2.16
Commodity Acc	448.20	473.90	+2.70	0.77
Compnd Gth	888.60	939.80	-4.90	2.59
Dividend	39.10	41.30	-0.20	3.96
-do- Acc	154.70	163.80	-0.60	3.96
Equity Inc	327.60	346.40	-1.10	4.28
European Div	66.20	70.00	-0.20	3.79
-do- Acc	76.70	81.00	-0.30	3.79
European Gen	448.20	474.00	+0.90	0.77
-do- Acc	563.00	595.50	+1.10	0.77
Extra Yield	411.80	435.50†	-2.30	4.03
-do- Acc	1230.4	1301.3	-6.70	4.03
Far Eastern	351.00	371.20	+4.20	0.28
-do- Acc	463.00	489.70	+5.60	0.28
Fund of Inv	576.80	610.00	-0.80	1.96
-do- Acc	1052.2	1112.7	-1.40	1.96
General	58.80	62.20	-0.30	3.33
-do- Acc	157.10	166.40	-0.80	3.33
Gilt Fxd Ins	66.91	67.01	-0.28	6.87
do Acc	170.57	170.84	-0.62	6.87
Gold	59.50	62.90	+0.10	0.76
-do- Acc	70.00	73.90	...	0.76
High Inc	27.80	29.40	-0.10	4.10
-do- Acc	105.20	111.30	-0.40	4.10
Intl Growth	74.00	78.30	+0.20	0.62
-do- Acc	128.30	135.50	+0.30	0.62
Intl Inc	99.20	104.90†	...	4.26
Japan Gen Acc	53.40	56.60	-0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	164.80	174.20	-1.10	...
Midland	60.10	63.60	-0.20	2.92
-do- Acc	192.50	203.80	-0.40	2.92
Recovery	39.10	41.40	-0.30	2.42
-do- Acc	62.30	65.90	-0.50	2.42
Second Gen	69.20	73.20	-0.30	3.06
-do- Acc	171.50	181.40	-0.90	3.06
Smaller Cos	65.70	69.50	-0.10	2.74
-do- Acc	126.10	133.50	-0.20	2.74
Trustee	42.50	44.90	-0.20	3.59
Charibond 3	1119.45	...	-0.10	9.03
Charifund 2	702.30	709.30	-3.00	5.18
Pension ex 1	917.00	940.00	-3.70	4.00
NAACIF Inc 3	349.80	...	...	6.78
-do- Acc 3	1129.0	...	-2.50	6.78

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG
0244 680066

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Inv Port Inc	146.40	156.50	-0.32	1.96
-do- Acc	164.00	175.40	-0.32	1.96
UK Income	122.40	130.90	-0.53	2.35
-do- Acc	138.40	148.00	-0.53	2.35

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerg Mkts	97.43	104.20	-0.40	0.16
Far East	150.90	160.20	+0.20	0.15
Income Growth	76.30	81.00	-0.24	3.09
European	77.47	82.24	-0.24	0.67
Nth American	60.25	63.96	-0.81	0.41
UK Growth	83.29	88.42	-0.11	1.78
Intl Growth	104.80	111.20†	...	0.17
Charities	117.00	124.20	-0.30	4.01
Intl Income	73.40	77.92†	-0.18	4.53
Japan	58.43	62.03	-0.95	..

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	190.80	202.50	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	203.90	216.40	-0.40	...
Cash	101.10	101.10	...	5.48
-do- Acc	131.30	131.30	...	5.48
Emg Mkts Acc	105.70	111.50	-0.60	...
European Gth	219.30	232.90	-1.20	0.68
-do- Acc	236.00	250.70	-1.40	0.68
General	491.10	523.80†	-3.80	2.31
-do- Acc	939.40	1002†	-7.00	2.31
Global Dist	131.30	138.00†	-0.20	5.77
-do- Acc	150.90	158.70†	-0.20	5.77
Income	149.40	159.10†	-1.30	4.29
-do- Acc	221.90	236.30†	-1.90	4.28
International	427.20	455.70	-2.10	0.61
-do- Acc	568.10	606.00	-2.70	0.61
Japan Acc	201.10	213.30	-2.30	...
New Europe	157.50	168.00	-1.00	1.54
-do- Acc	160.10	170.80	-1.00	1.54
Recovery	308.00	328.50	-1.60	2.73
-do- Acc	389.20	415.10	-2.00	2.73
European Inc	81.38	86.29	-0.54	2.82
-do- Acc	105.40	111.80	-0.60	2.82
Brit Blue Chip	75.42	80.28†	-0.63	3.14
-do- Acc	90.69	96.53†	-0.76	3.14
Portfolio	78.69	83.69†	-0.50	2.71
-do- Acc	90.30	96.05†	-0.57	2.71
Gold General	147.10	158.20	-0.60	0.59
-do- Acc	150.50	161.80	-0.60	0.59
Pacific	111.80	119.30	-0.40	0.70
-do- Acc	119.00	126.90	-0.40	0.70
UK Smaller Cos	56.27	60.02†	-0.04	1.81
-do- Acc	63.23	67.45†	-0.04	1.81

MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD
192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD
Dealing: 0742 529 208
Enquiries: 0742 529 876

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Dist	59.14	63.25†	-0.16	2.64
-do- Acc	60.78	65.00†	-0.16	2.64
British Dist	80.34	85.93	-0.46	1.96
-do- Acc	90.94	97.26	-0.52	1.96
European Gth	191.40	204.70	-1.80	0.54
-do- Acc	240.30	257.00	-2.20	0.54
Extra High Inc	72.67	77.72†	-0.13	5.79
-do- Acc	131.50	140.60†	-0.20	5.79
FT-SE 100 Index	51.15	54.71	-0.23	2.47
-do- Acc	51.93	55.53	-0.23	2.47
Gilt Fixed Int	58.62	61.03†	-0.15	6.33
-do- Acc	158.60	165.10†	-0.30	6.33
High Yield	234.50	250.80	-0.50	4.62
-do- Acc	550.50	588.70	-1.30	4.62
Income	293.20	313.60	-1.50	2.74
-do- Acc	619.80	662.80	-3.20	2.74
Japan Gth	362.90	388.10†	-4.40	...
-do- Acc	383.00	409.60†	-4.60	...
Mandarin Acc	119.20	127.40	+0.80	0.59
North American	166.90	175.50	-0.20	0.54
-do- Acc	210.50	225.10	-0.30	0.54

MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enq: 071 826 0123

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	300.90	320.10	-0.20	..
Deposit Inc	99.92	99.92†	+0.01	5.10
Deposit Acc	124.14	124.14†	+0.01	5.10
Euro Gth Acc	331.80	354.50	-0.90	...
Europa	142.70	153.40	-0.90	...
Intl Gth	182.80	195.40	-0.60	...
Japan Tracker	80.18	84.95	-0.47	...
UK Equity Inc	164.30	176.80†	-0.60	3.74
-do- Acc	204.60	220.20†	-0.70	3.74
UK Ind Tracker	151.60	162.10	-0.60	2.96
US Eq Ind Trkr	192.70	204.30†	-0.30	1.44
-do- Acc	205.00	217.40†	-0.30	1.44
Asian Trader	191.90	208.10†	+0.70	0.38

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Inc	170.30	174.30	-0.40	1.62
European	66.67	69.69†	-0.33	1.42
Olympiad	61.64	63.23	-0.07	0.17
Global Bond	49.37	49.92	-0.14	6.08
Smaller Cos	72.03	75.33	-0.03	1.19
Equity Income	97.48	100.10†	-0.70	4.52
UK Growth	87.55	90.16	-0.45	1.86

NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
The Bilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222
Dealing: 0705 387730

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Acc	47.93	51.12	+0.07	1.15
Australian Acc	348.70	374.10	+6.10	..
Conscience	65.52	69.92	+0.07	1.20
-do- Acc	70.73	75.48	+0.02	1.20
European	186.90	195.80	-1.50	0.73
-do- Acc	201	213.30	-1.70	0.76
Extra Income	75.97	81.07†	+0.05	5.49
-do- Acc	118.70	125	...	5.46
Far East Gth	194.20	207.50†	+2.20	0.32
Gilt Fxd Inc	61.01	64.39	-0.31	6.15
Gold	50.69	54.50	+1.05	..
-do- Acc	54.59	58.69	+1.11	...
Income	55.95	59.68	-0.21	4.65
-do- Acc	171.30	182.70	-0.50	4.65
International	32	34.22	-0.10	0.61
-do- Acc	45.98	49.17	-0.14	0.61
Jap Sm Cos Acc	374.80	399.70	-5.60	...
S pore Mly Acc	244.20	261.80	+0.40	...
Smllr Cos Acc	37.25	39.30	-0.03	0.64
Special Sits	33.94	36.49†	-0.11	1.71
-do- Acc	39.45	42.41	-0.12	1.71
Tokyo	87.99	93.74	-0.94	...
-do- Acc	88.77	94.68	-0.95	...

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
N&P UK Growth	71.52	76.09	-0.47	2.52
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	79.23	83.85	-0.08	5.90
N&P Higher Inc	216.90	230.80	-0.70	4.50
N&P UK Income	108.90	115.90	-0.90	3.54
N&P Intl	93.48	99.45†	-0.23	1.80
N&P Smaller Cos	75.68	80.52†	-2.97	1.59

NEWTON FUND MANAGERS
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
071 332 9000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	179.87	191.36	-0.31	1.50
Global	321.93	342.48†	-0.90	2.66
Growth	116.50	123.94†	-0.38	1.72
Income	218.79	232.76†	-0.75	3.50
Intl Bond	138.37	146.90	-0.31	7.30
Intrepid Fd	103.21	107.52	...	1.70

PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 590, Peterborough PE2 6BR
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	147.10	154.80	-0.80	2.45
-do- Acc	260.70	274.40	-1.30	2.45
Income	235.00	249.90†	-1.40	3.26
Intl Equity	238.30	253.50†	-1.10	0.75
-do- Acc	262.60	279.30	-1.20	0.75
Equity	231.50	246.20	-1.40	2.34
-do- Acc	474.60	504.90	-2.90	2.34
UK Intl 25 Acc	74.71	79.47	-0.44	1.94
UK Income	65.12	69.27	-0.39	2.85
UK Smllr Co Acc	82.71	87.98	-0.04	1.43
New Europe Acc	67.89	72.22	-0.50	0.95

PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Asian Smllr Mkt	112.79	120.64	-0.13	0.06
PEP Growth	110.20	117.87	-0.72	1.27
Intl Gth	535.22	572.43	-2.83	0.40
Income	329.55	352.46†	-1.40	2.90
W wide Recov	341.53	365.28	+2.33	0.37
American Gth	223.36	238.89	-0.33	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	216.42	231.47	-0.10	0.01
Far East Gth	347.07	364.25	-0.42	0.16
European Gth	131.33	140.46	-0.56	0.80
UK Growth	83.49	89.30	-0.26	2.50
High Income	91.25	97.60	-0.34	4.02
Japanese Gth	226.61	240.85	-3.06	0.01

PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International	192.30	204.50†	-1.50	0.54
High Income	114.60	122.00	-0.50	3.49
Conv Gilt	118.50	126.00	-0.20	5.58
Far East	356.50	379.30†	+1.00	0.32
Global Inc Acc	34.25	36.44	-0.13	4.40

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	51.33	54.61	-0.07	0.20
Emerging Mkts	79.61	84.69	+0.56	0.46
General	50.22	53.43	-0.90	3.01
International	88.93	94.61	-0.42	1.27
Gilt Units	27.85	28.51	+0.97	6.98
Global PEP	37.59	39.99†	-0.09	1.94
Income Gth	71.34	75.89	-0.20	4.32
European	47.29	50.31	-0.58	0.60
Gilt/Fixed Int	27.49	29.24†	-0.05	5.38

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314
Pricebank: 0426 925091

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Pru Mngd Tst	34.17	36.54	-0.02	1.42
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.30	102.00	+0.01	4.80
-do- Acc	106.70	107.22	-0.01	4.80
Pru Equity	694.32	742.58†	-2.51	2.43
Pru Equity Inc	85.46	91.40	-0.24	4.28
Pru European	194.53	208.05	-1.20	0.81
Pru Global Gth	85.05	90.96	-0.28	1.40
Pru High Inc	91.85	98.23†	+0.41	3.89
Pru Intl	172.68	184.68	-0.30	1.01
Pru Intl Sm Co	75.95	81.22†	+0.10	0.61
Pru Japanese	206.84	221.21†	-1.96	...
Pru Nth Amer	156.12	166.97	-0.27	0.65
Pru Pacific Mkt	95.03	101.63	+0.94	0.92
Pru Premr Inc	51.33	53.44†	-0.06	5.06
Pru Smllr Cos	86.69	92.71	-0.25	2.12
Pru Spec Sits	103.64	110.84	-0.15	2.28
Pru UK Grwth	115.08	123.08	-0.37	2.34

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR
Dealing: 071 634 2981/4

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA Income	167.60	178.97	-0.78	3.24
FA Japan	280.64	309.30	-3.08	...
FA Maj UK Cos	97.00	103.54	-0.46	2.05
FA America Inc	514.69	547.72	-2.39	0.66
-do- Acc	599.77	638.26	-2.79	0.66
FA Smlr UK Cos	293.04	306.55†	-0.27	1.06
FA European	278.48	295.04	-2.19	0.88

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766966 or 0800 939929 (IFAs only)

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc Gth	74.26	79.00	-0.19	3.74
Capital Units	155.20	165.10	-0.10	1.05
Commodity	112.30	119.50†	+0.80	0.66
European Gth	177.50	188.80	-0.10	1.04
Financial Sec	195.20	207.70	+0.70	1.22
High Return	224.90	239.30	-1.00	3.63
High Yield	221.00	235.10†	-1.00	3.80
Income Units	117.40	124.90	-0.70	4.60
Investment	196.30	208.80†	+0.30	0.85
Japan Gth	170.90	181.80†	-1.30	...
Japan Smaller	205.80	218.90	-3.20	...
Masterfund	51.45	54.73	-0.01	0.83
Scotbits	295.20	314.00	-0.80	0.91
Scotshares	273.70	291.20	-0.50	2.22
Scotyields	226.70	251.80†	-1.30	3.75
Select Intl	137.80	146.60†	-0.50	0.56
Smaller Cos	241.80	257.20†	-0.10	3.74
Special Situation	114.70	122.00	-0.60	0.64
UK Equity	238.20	253.40	-0.70	2.79
US Growth	146.20	155.50	-1.60	0.06

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client line: 0800 526 535
Broker line: 0800 526 540

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	241.89	257.16	-1.16	0.68
-do- Acc	262.08	278.62	-1.16	0.68
Australian	142.34	151.82	+2.42	1.25
-do- Acc	168.19	179.39	+2.86	1.25
UK Enterprise	231.18	246.39	-0.23	2.16
-do- Acc	270.16	288.16	-0.26	2.16
European Gth	67.71	71.98	-0.57	0.97
-do- Acc	70.33	74.76	-0.59	0.97
Euro Smllr Cos	62.30	66.40	-0.33	0.34
-do- Acc	64.73	68.85	-0.34	0.34
Far Eastern Gth	83.30	88.85	-0.16	...
-do- Acc	84.65	90.29	-0.15	...
Fixed Interest	55.54	58.52†	-0.07	5.98
-do- Acc	69.80	73.55	-0.09	5.98
Gilt Income	108.77	114.64†	-0.20	7.03
-do- Acc	156.11	164.53†	-0.29	7.03
Income	344.38	367.33†	-0.22	3.78
-do- Acc	1034.9	1103.9	+0.64	3.78
Japan Enterprise	70.28	74.96†	-0.82	...
-do- Acc	70.28	74.96	-0.82	...
Japan Smllr Cos	520.83	555.55	-9.51	...
-do- Acc	521.57	556.66	-9.53	...
Pacific Gth	116.90	124.69	+0.32	0.29
-do- Acc	120.57	128.59	+0.33	0.29
Smaller Cos	203.45	217.01	-1.37	0.92
-do- Acc	235.31	251.00	-1.59	0.92
Tokyo	115.42	123.11	-2.07	...
-do- Acc	116.59	124.36	-2.09	...
UK Equity	229.23	244.51	-0.47	2.46
-do- Acc	430.36	459.04	-0.87	2.46
US Smllr Cos	151.13	161.20	+1.11	...
-do- Acc	151.13	161.20	+1.11	...
World Fd	76.50	81.60	-0.11	1.72
-do- Acc	81.32	86.74	-0.12	1.72

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	49.90	53.14	-0.22	3.25
Equity Strategy	66.44	70.76	-0.23	0.85
European Opps	80.39	85.62	...	0.55
Maximum Inc	98.59	101.13	+0.02	5.50
UK Smaller Cos	59.41	63.27	+0.15	1.32

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	363.20	387.80	-1.50	2.65
American	260.30	276.20	-0.40	0.69
Pacific	373.40	399.40	-0.50	0.54
European	500.90	535.70	-2.10	1.01
Worldwide	88.38	94.52	-0.24	0.85

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	317.50	337.80	-1.90	2.38
UK Sm Cos Eqty	222.60	236.90	-0.50	1.46
European	367.80	391.30	-1.70	1.50
North American	268.30	285.50	+0.20	0.45
Income Plus Inc	70.36	74.75†	-0.98	2.73
UK Spec Sits	...	...	...	...

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD
6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA
031 556 2341/2/3

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth Acc	27.51	29.44	-0.17	2.74
Intl Growth Acc	31.95	34.17	-0.07	0.91
Market Ldrs Acc	27.34	29.26	-0.26	2.89

FOR SOTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	1111.20	...‡	...	...
Global Bond	1102.70	...‡	...	7.33
Japan Samurai	597.30	...‡	-1.32	...
UK Growth	1104.60	...‡	-0.10	3.40

STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ
0800 393777

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	47.96	50.96	-0.10	1.38
Equity Gth Acc	65.98	70.11	-0.10	1.25
UK Eq General	44.39	47.17†	-0.20	1.88
-do- Acc	58.93	62.62	-0.30	1.88
European Acc	46.24	49.13	...	0.66
Far East Acc	63.38	67.35	+0.10	0.15
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	32.79	34.68†	...	6.06
N American Acc	43.66	46.42	+0.30	0.09
O/s Lgr Cos Acc	299.20	324.70	+0.40	1.48
UK Eq High Inc	38.47	40.88†	-0.10	3.38
-do- Acc	46.21	49.10	-0.20	3.35
UK Lgr Cos Inc	306.20	331.20†	-1.50	3.50
UK Lgr Cos Acc	402.30	436.60	-2.00	3.50

STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A	N283.84	N284.08	...	1.31
US Eq	$2.252	$2.392	...	1.12
Far East Eq	Y250.4	Y266.0	...	...
Japan Eq	Y260.8	Y277.0	...	...
FT Europe	122.60	130.20	...	2.01
FT North Am	$1.759	$1.864	...	1.28
FT Japan	Y245.9	Y261.2	...	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.236	$2.375	...	1.20

STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh
031 226 3271

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	356.40	380.00	-1.10	0.31
British	1004.0	1062.2†	-4.80	3.36
European	435.40	463.10†	-1.50	1.22
Japan	160.60	170.90	-2.30	...
New Pacific	339.80	361.90	+0.90	0.80
Mngd Cash	95.51	95.51	+0.01	4.96
Majority Stg	99.71	100.71†	+0.01	4.76
Inv Tst	208.30	221.30	+0.60	1.59
Salrus PPP	408.20	429.70	...	...

SUN ALLIANCE
Admin. 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex
0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690399

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Acc	781.30	835.60	-2.80	2.81
N America Acc	123.60	132.20	-0.50	0.07
Far East Acc	142.90	152.80	+0.80	0.26
W wide Bond	63.76	66.62†	-0.20	5.22
European	93.94	100.50†	-1.00	0.75
Equity Income	91.41	97.77	-0.43	3.86

SUN LIFE OF CANADA
Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ
Dealing: 0256 841414

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	33.79	36.14†	-0.08	0.58
Managed Assets	126.26	135.04	-0.60	2.65
UK Income	39.61	42.37	-0.20	2.84
UK Growth	38.09	40.74†	-0.21	2.10
Worldwide Gth	32.81	35.10†	-0.16	0.85

TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE
0264 346794

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	220.55	234.63	+1.49	...
-do- Acc	242.93	258.43	+1.64	...
British Gth	90.23	95.99†	-0.30	1.90
-do- Acc	106.86	113.70†	-0.36	1.90
European	101.79	108.22	-0.94	0.08
-do- Acc	108.11	115.02	-0.99	0.08
Extra Inc	198.38	211.05†	-0.41	3.98
-do- Acc	324.35	345.06†	-0.68	3.98
General Unit	282.07	300.07	+1.10	2.34
-do- Acc	563.44	599.40	+2.20	2.34
Income	346.65	368.78	-3.63	3.42
-do- Acc	720.35	766.33	-7.54	3.42
International	520.73	553.96	-0.95	0.20
-do- Acc	681.67	725.18	-1.25	0.20
Pacific	388.84	413.66	+4.20	...
-do- Acc	408.57	434.65	+4.41	...
Premier Income	54.78	57.06	-0.04	6.13
-do- Acc	115.82	120.65	-0.08	6.13
Nat Resources	140.79	149.78†	+1.60	...
-do- Acc	154.51	164.38†	+1.75	...
Selected Opps	103.45	110.05†	-0.32	1.26
-do- Acc	130.54	138.87†	-0.40	1.26

THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Sml Cos	68.85	73.44	-0.09	...
-do- Acc	71.01	75.74	-0.10	...
European Opps	67.11	71.20	-0.45	0.41
-do- Acc	67.81	71.94	-0.45	0.41
Japan	93.90	100.16	-0.78	...
-do- Acc	93.90	100.16	-0.78	...
Little Dragons	91.28	97.36	+0.22	0.51
-do- Acc	93.98	100.22	+0.22	0.51
Oriental Income	46.07	49.14†	-0.04	3.24
-do- Acc	60.65	64.69†	-0.05	3.24
Tiger	252.46	269.29	+0.74	0.98
-do- Acc	265.24	282.92	+0.78	0.98
UK Small Cos	90.59	96.88	-0.36	1.64
-do- Acc	105.69	113.03	-0.41	1.64

WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ
031 225 1551

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Australasian Gold	19.14	20.36	+0.04	0.50
Pacific Basin	37.80	40.21	+0.30	0.60
Canadian Gth	36.31	38.62	+0.12	...
Global Bond	$0.979	$1.020	+0.000	7.01
Penny Share	26.16	27.82	-0.08	1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT
071 606 3132

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Reserve	53.45	53.46	+0.01	4.88
Gilt Growth	73.95	76.95	-0.16	...
Gilt Income	54.51	56.72†	-0.08	7.07
Short Dtd Gilt	112.20	113.60	-0.10	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.721	$0.730	+0.000	...
Challenger	100.20	102.50	-0.10	...

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000

Fund	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	72.62	77.25	-0.12	1.79

Source: Finstat
* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	23,000	Cadbury	1,600	MEPC	700	Scot & New	517
Abbey Natl	1,200	Carlton Cms	698	Marks Spr	4,200	Scot Power	2,400
Alld-Lyons	1,200	Coats Vly	1,700	NFC	511	Sears	2,000
Anglian W	1,500	Cm Union	1,100	NatWst Bk	4,000	Svrn Trent	1,700
Argyll Gp	2,300	Courtaulds	402	Nat Power	3,300	Shell Trans	2,700
Arjo Wiggn	1,300	Enterpr Oil	1,900	Nth Wst W	899	Siebe	1,400
AB Foods	173	Forte	1,500	Nthrn Fds	4,000	SmKl Bch	2,600
BAA	1,100	GRE	674	P & O	990	Smith Nph	1,300
BAT Inds	5,200	GUS A	299	Pearson	595	Std Chartd	1,800
BOC	976	Gen Acc	165	PowerGen	2,200	Sun Allnce	1,500
BP	5,600	Gen Elec	3,900	Prudential	2,300	TI Gp	959
BT	9,900	Glaxo	4,500	RMC	558	TSB	1,400
BTR	7,200	Granada	844	RTZ	892	Tesco	3,000
Bk of Scot	1,400	Grand Met	4,200	Rank Org	888	Thames W	2,400
Barclays	2,700	Guinness	2,300	Reckitt Col	408	Thrn EMI	6,100
Bass	913	HSBC	5,500	Redland	987	Tomkins	2,300
Blue Circle	1,100	Hanson	6,100	Reed Intl	290	Unilever	2,600
Boots	1,200	ICI	1,200	Rentokil	674	Utd Bisc	3,000
Bowater	1,300	Inchcape	828	Reuters	734	Vodafone	3,000
Brit Aero	2,700	Kingfisher	1,000	Rolls Royce	5,000	Warburg (SG)	294
Brit Airwys	2,500	Ladbroke	2,100	Rothmans	1,200	Wellcome	986
Brit Gas	11,000	Land Secs	391	Ryl Ins	3,700	Whitbd 'A'	621
Brit Steel	3,200	Legal & Gn	843	Ryl Bk Scot	4,300	Wlms Hld	1,100
Burmah Cast	574	Lloyds Bk	2,100	Sainsbury	3,000	Wolseley	105
Cable Wire	4,100	MB Cardn	2,800	Schroders	6	Zeneca	1,800

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3615.20 (+12.01)
S&P Composite .... 465.12 (+3.63)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 20082.81 (+44.41)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 8412.40 (+119.44)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 129.4 (+0.6)

Sydney: AO .... 2062.0 (+23.4)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 1990.07 (-11.44)

FT 30 share: .... 2327.3 (-5.8)

Brussels:
General .... 6852.05 (+17.58)

Paris: CAC .... 585.09 (-1.75)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 599.00 (+2.20)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1527.78 (+1.54)
FT 500 .... 1633.90 (-0.01)
FT Gold Mines .... 214.6 (-2.0)
FT Fixed Interest .... 124.18 (-0.09)
FT Govt Secs .... 102.70 (-0.11)
Bargains 28008
SEAQ Volume 618.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 147.95 (+0.47)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
October 11	October 22	January 13	January 24

Call options were taken out on 14/10/93: Alliance Res, Avesco, Hadleigh, Kewill Systems, Micro Focus, Ricardo, Storm Group, Tipbook, WPP, Western Reef.
Puts: Hadleigh, Micro Focus, Yorkshire Chem.
Puts & Calls: Division Group, Hanson Wts.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3109.0	3118.0	3087.0	3110.0	8662
Previous open interest: 59571	Mar 94	3112.5	3122.5	3105.0	3127.5	304
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.49	94.51	94.44	94.47	48011
Previous open interest: 346255	Mar 94	94.70	94.71	94.64	94.67	16850
	Jun 94	94.67	94.68	94.62	94.64	6124
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.55	96.57	96.55	96.57	238
Previous open interest: 10211	Mar 94	96.55	96.55	96.55	96.57	68
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.78	93.82	93.78	93.80	27081
Previous open interest: 647015	Mar 94	94.41	94.44	94.40	94.42	24089
Long Gilt	Dec 93	114-03	114-03	113-20	113-22	75913
Previous open interest: 117917	Mar 94	113-04	113-10	113-00	113-00	145
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	113.50	113.55	113.31	113.38	2962
	Mar 94	112.64	112.64	112.59	112.57	35
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	99.99	100.17	99.91	99.98	82437
Previous open interest: 180199	Mar 94	100.10	100.20	100.08	100.11	1268
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	101.90	102.00	101.86	101.90	1345
Previous open interest: 20144	Mar 94					0
Three month ECU	Dec 93	92.92	92.96	92.87	92.94	2236
Previous open interest: 31604	Mar 94	93.73	93.76	93.69	93.72	430
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.76	95.83	95.76	95.78	8149
Previous open interest: 47395	Mar 94	96.17	96.23	96.17	96.18	3706
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	118.00	118.28	117.86	117.95	29722
Previous open interest: 81372	Mar 94	117.82	118.03	117.67	117.72	195

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was same at 80.4 (day's range 80.3-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 14	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7367-2.7561	2.7367-2.7401	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brussels	53.16-53.84	53.16-53.28	17-20ds	52-58ds
Copenhagen	9.8930-9.9840	9.9030-9.9260	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dublin	1.0335-1.0366	1.0338-1.0360	8-11ds	23-30ds
Frankfurt	2.4356-2.4480	2.4365-2.4398	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	253.03-256.65	253.03-253.96	111-121ds	330-354ds
Madrid	196.93-199.23	196.93-197.53	74-84ds	214-234ds
Milan	2391.90-2422.00	2391.90-2396.60	5-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	2.0026-2.0303	2.0026-2.0055	0.27-0.19pr	0.48-0.37pr
New York	1.5130-1.5290	1.5130-1.5130	0.36-0.35ds	0.94-0.91ds
Oslo	10.6930-10.7830	10.6970-10.7350	[illegible]	[illegible]
Paris	8.5840-8.6230	8.5840-8.6060	[illegible]	[illegible]
Stockholm	11.9340-12.0770	11.9340-11.9730	[illegible]	[illegible]
Tokyo	161.56-162.69	162.01-162.27	[illegible]	[illegible]
Vienna	17.02-17.24	17.02-17.06	[illegible]	[illegible]
Zurich	2.1368-2.1518	2.1488-2.1518	[illegible]	[illegible]

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5196-1.5222
Australia dollar	2.2812-2.2844
Bahrain dinar	0.568-0.580
Brazil cruzeiro *	220.39-221.77
Cyprus pound	0.7375-0.7535
Finland marka	8.612-8.728
Greece drachma	353.25-360.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.7196-11.7265
India rupee	47.38-48.34
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4495-0.4595
Malaysia ringgit	3.8567-3.8600
Mexico peso	4.68-4.78
New Zealand dollar	2.7414-2.7467
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.647-5.773
Singapore dollar	2.3763-2.3794
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3167-6.3605
S Africa rand (com)	5.0948-5.1005
U A E dirham	5.528-5.652

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5037-1.5048
Austria	11.31-11.32
Belgium (Com)	35.44-35.51
Canada	1.3251-1.3256
Denmark	6.5460-6.5535
France	5.6970-5.6980
Germany	1.6100-1.6105
Hong Kong	7.7260-7.7270
Ireland	1.4534-1.4544
Italy	1589.0-1590.0
Japan	107.35-107.45
Malaysia	2.5431-2.5441
Netherlands	1.8120-1.8130
Norway	7.0800-7.0830
Portugal	167.05-167.15
Singapore	1.5685-1.5695
Spain	130.67-130.77
Sweden	7.9041-7.9141
Switzerland	1.4160-1.4170

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¼ Low 3½ Week fixed: [illegible]
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible] : 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible] ; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 5¾, close 3.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.07-3.04	n/a	3.22-3.19	3.22-3.19	3.39-3.36
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Sept 30, 1993 Agreed rates Oct 26, 1993 to Nov 23, 1993 Scheme III: 7.22 %. Reference rate Sept 1, 1993 to Sept 30, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.954 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	7-6
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	3-2

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $365.20-365.60 Close: $364.75-365.25 High: $367.80-368.30
Low: $364.00-364.50 Krugerrand: $362.00-366.00 (£240.00-242.00)
Sovereigns: Old $84.00-87.00 (£55.00-57.00) New $84.00-87.00 (£55.00-57.00)
Platinum: $371.50 (£243.75) Silver: $4.38 (£2.885) Palladium: $134.00 (£87.95)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Lyon	550	24½	38	49½	3	17½	24½
(*568½)	600	3	14½	25½	34	47	52½
Argyll	280	15	24½	33	2½	11½	15
(*291)	300	4	14½	23	12½	22½	25½
ASDA	48	6½	—	—	1	—	—
(*53½)	57	1	—	—	5	—	—
Boots	500	11	25	38	7	22	28½
(*501)	550	1	8	17	49	56	60
Br Airways	360	22½	35	43½	3	15	18
(*378½)	390	5	19½	28	16½	30½	33
BP	300	27½	33½	38½	1	5½	9
(*325)	330	4½	15	20	9	18	21½
Br Steel	120	7½	14	18½	2½	7½	10
(*124½)	130	2½	8½	13½	8	13	15½
C & W	900	61	85½	106½	2½	22	31½
(*955)	950	20½	54½	77½	15½	43	55
CU	580	53	—	—	1	—	—
(*628½)	629	11	—	—	11	—	—
ICI	681	43	63½	—	2	14	—
(*718½)	750	3	24½	34	36	47	61½
Kingfishr	632	18	—	—	7	—	—
(*642)	650	8	32	46½	16	30	38
Land Sec	700	19	36	51	6	22	28
(*711½)	750	2	15	27	41½	52½	57
M & S	390	13	25½	33½	3½	13	17
(*398½)	420	2	11½	19	23	30	33½
Nat West	550	15½	35	42½	6	17½	28
(*558½)	600	1½	13	19½	44	48	59½
Sainsbury	390	29	39	49	1½	10½	15
(*415)	420	6½	21½	31½	11½	24	28½
Shell	650	32	51½	58	—	11	20½
(*680)	700	3	22	29	23	30½	45
Smkl Bch	390	19½	37½	47	4½	19½	24½
(*403)	420	5	24	33	21½	36	40½
Storehse	180	21½	25	28½	1	4	6½
(*199)	200	4½	12½	16½	6	12½	15½
Trafalgar	92	9½	—	—	1½	—	—
(*99)	101	3	—	—	4½	—	—
Unilever	1050	50	70	84½	2	17	29½
(*1091½)	1100	11½	39	54	18	38	53
Zeneca	750	15	43½	53½	14	31	49½
(*758)	800	2	21	31	53	62	80
Series		**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**	**Oct**	**Feb**	**May**
Grnd Met	390	15½	30½	40½	4½	21½	24
(*398)	420	3	17	27½	25	40½	42
Ladbroke	180	9	22	25	2½	9½	16
(*186)	200	1½	10	14	16½	21½	28½
Utd Bisc	360	8	26½	30	8½	31	31
(*365)	390	2½	13½	17½	34½	39½	50½

October 14, 1993 Tot: 29355 Call: 14053 Put: 15302 FT-SE Call: 3062 Put: 9556
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Nov	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	850	43	53½	71	11	22	39½
(*875½)	900	15	27	45	35	48½	55
Thames W	550	36	42½	52½	5½	12	16½
(*580½)	600	7½	16	25½	33	38	42½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
BAT Ind	450	25	39½	—	6½	13½	—
(*469)	475	11	25½	—	18½	25½	—
BTR	360	15	25	29	7	13	17½
(*366½)	390	3½	11	15	26	30	35
Br Aero	390	42	60½	69½	9	24½	32½
(*419)	420	23½	44	55½	22	38½	48
Br Telecm	420	32½	37	45	2½	9	12
(*447)	460	5½	15	22½	19	29	32
Cadbury	453	22	35	38½	7	14½	25
(*463½)	493	4½	16	19½	33	38	48
Guinness	390	22	35	41½	8½	14	24½
(*401)	420	8	21	28	26½	30½	41½
GEC	330	28½	34½	40½	2½	7	9
(*353)	360	8	16½	23	12	20½	23
Hanson	260	9	14½	17½	7	12	15½
(*261)	280	2	6½	9½	20½	24½	28
LASMO	130	11½	18	21½	5½	8	11½
(*136)	140	6½	13	17	9½	14	17
Lucas	160	7½	14	16½	9½	13½	17
(*165½)	180	2	6½	9½	26	28½	31
Pilkingtn	140	9½	14½	17½	5½	11½	14
(*143)	160	3	6½	9½	20	25	27
Prudential	330	24	33½	36½	3½	8	14
(*347½)	360	6½	16	19½	17½	22½	30
Redland	500	34½	51	58½	9	18	30½
(*522)	550	9	25½	33½	35	44	57½
Royal Ins	288	36½	34½	—	3	8	—
(*308½)	317	8	17	—	15	21	—
Tesco	200	11	17	21½	6½	11	15½
(*202)	220	3	9	12½	21	23	27½
Vodafone	500	58½	71	84	4	13½	21
(*549)	550	24	41	55	20½	33½	42½
Williams	300	33	41	44½	2½	6½	12
(*327)	330	11½	22½	26	12	18½	25½

FT-SE INDEX (*3085)

	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200
Calls						
Oct	141	91	41	2	½	½
Nov	158	115	78	47	26	13
Dec	181	141	105	74	50	32
Jan	200	162	128	96	72	51
Jun	—	223	—	163	—	116
Puts						
Oct	½	½	1	16	66	116
Nov	11	19	32	51	83	123
Dec	23	34	48	68	96	131
Jan	38	50	66	85	112	143
Jun	—	94	—	134	—	187

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	390	36½	44	48	5	12½	16
(*416½)	420	16	25½	30½	16½	26½	29½
Amstrad	45	5½	8	9½	2	4½	5½
(*48)	50	3	6	7½	6	7	8½
Barclays	550	32½	45½	52½	13½	25	29½
(*562)	600	9½	21	29	44	53	57
Blue Circ	280	19	29	32½	10½	16½	24½
(*285)	300	9½	17	23½	22½	28	35½
Br Gas	300	29½	34½	36½	4	7½	12
(*328)	330	7½	16½	20	16	20	27
Dixons	260	23	31½	38	10½	17½	21½
(*269½)	280	13	19	28	20½	28	32
Forte	200	25½	32	34	4	8	12½
(*218½)	220	12	20½	23	12	16½	22
Hillsdwn	160	10½	15	17	6½	11½	17½
(*164½)	180	3	7	9½	23	25	31½
Lonrho	120	11	15½	18½	6½	11½	13½
(*123)	130	6½	11	14	12	17	19
Sears	110	7	10½	12	5	7	9
(*112)	120	3	6	7	10	13½	15½
Thrn Emi	900	43	58	74	23½	39½	47
(*907½)	950	18	34	50	52	67	72½
Tomkins	220	18	23½	28½	6½	11½	14
(*228½)	240	7½	14	18½	17½	22½	25
TSB	200	22	25½	29	4	8½	12
(*215)	220	9	14½	18½	12½	18	21½
Wellcome	700	63½	85½	99½	21½	37	49½
(*742½)	750	35	59	73	46	62½	73½
Series		**Dec**	**Apr**		**Dec**	**Apr**	
Glaxo	650	47	71½	—	29	50½	—
(*661½)	700	24	49	—	58½	78	—
HSBC	650	67	88	—	13	32	—
(*749½)	700	36	59½	—	32	55½	—
Reuter	1500	76½	116½	—	44½	79	—
(*1518)	1550	50½	88½	—	69½	104½	—
Series		**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**	**Dec**	**Feb**	**May**
R-Royce	137	21½	24	—	3	6	—
(*152)	156	8½	14	—	12	14½	—
Series		**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Oct**	**Dec**	**Mar**
Fisons	160	8	13	19½	3½	9½	14½
(*164)	180	1½	5½	11½	18	24	27½
Series		**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**	**Nov**	**Feb**	**May**
Eastrn Elc	550	45½	55	63	3	11½	14½
(*588)	600	12½	24½	34	21	33	36½
Series		**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**	**Dec**	**Mar**	**Jun**
Natl Pwr	390	23	32½	39½	9	15½	21
(*403)	420	8	17½	24	26	30½	36½
Scot Pwr	390	18½	25½	32½	10	17½	19
(*393½)	420	6	12	19	29½	35	37

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Coffee picked up following news that the Brazilian government would *start* buying for the producers retention scheme next week. The lack of action early in the scheme had been seen as a negative start to the programme, and worried some traders who thought that it may not even get off the ground. The first purchase will probably be made by the state run bank on the Sao Paulo Bourse.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	905-904	Mar	940-939
Mar	935-934	May	944-942
May	945-943	Jul	949-943
Jul	947-946	Sep	952-943
Sep	953-952		
Dec	940-937	Volume:	6670

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	1176-1175	Jul	1173-1165
Jan	1192-1191	Sep	1182-1175
Mar	1177-1176	Nov	1185-1178
May	1177-1175	Volume:	1721

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot:	unq	Mar	--
May	unq	May	--
Aug	--	Aug	--
Oct	--	Volume:	0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	290.6-89.3
Spot: 290.5		Oct	283.1-81.5
Dec	282.9-82.5	Dec	285.1-81.5
Mar	283.3-82.8	Mar	289.1-83.5
May	286.1-85.5	Volume:	1032

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	64.10	79.75	117.54
(+/-)	-0.64	-0.54	-0.47
Eng/Wales:	64.10	79.69	117.20
(+/-)	-0.52	-0.76	-0.80
(%)	-1.0	-41.3	-19.9
Scotland:	63.67	80.32	119.10
(+/-)	-11.61	+0.95	+1.06
(%)	+53.8	-63.4	-20.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	--	Mar	unq	--
Sep	unq	--		Volume: 0	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	99.60
Jan	101.00
Mar	103.00
May	104.90
Jun	106.50
Volume:	510

BARLEY (close £/t)

Nov	101.95
Jan	103.95
Mar	105.90
May	107.60
Sep	93.75
Volume:	46

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	--
Dec	--
Feb	--
Apr	--
Volume:	0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	85.0
Apr	94.5	92.3
May	107.5	108.0
	Volume:	158

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Nov 59.50-60.00

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Levels tumbled *after the release of the November wet North Sea programmes.*

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.80	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Nov)	17.00	-0.25
Brent 15 day (Dec)	17.25	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	18.55	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	18.65	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	190 (+2)	192 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	173 (-1)	174 (-2)
Non EEC 1H Nov	178 (-2)	180 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	178 (-1)	180 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	60 (n/c)	62 (n/c)
Naphtha	159 (n/c)	162 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Nov	172.50-72.75	Feb	171.25-71.50
Dec	unq	Mar	169.75 SLR
Jan	172.25-72.50	Apr	168.50 SLR
		Vol:	11965

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	17.01-17.02	Feb	17.50-17.53
Dec	17.24-17.25	Mar	17.60-17.63
Jan	17.40-17.42	Vol:	33572

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Oct	unq	Jan	unq
Nov	179.00-79.75	Feb	unq
Dec	176.50-79.75	Vol:	0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 93	1405	1395	1397
Nov 93	1426	1424	1424
Dec 93	1420	1418	1418
Jan 94	1420	1415	1419

Vol: 108 lots. Open int'st: 3052 Index 1387 -2

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1683.0-1684.0	1705.5-1706.0	574000
Lead ($/tonne)	396.00-396.50	409.50-410.00	119475
Zinc Spec HI Gde ($/tonne)	953.00-954.00	969.50-970.00	673400
Tin ($/tonne)	4702.0-4705.0	4745.0-4750.0	11480
Aluminium HI Gde ($/tonne)	1103.0-1104.0	1121.5-1122.0	772425
Nickel ($/tonne)	4545.0-4550.0	4600.0-4605.0	53028

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Small gains at close

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began October 4. Dealings end today. §Contango day Monday. Settlement day October 25. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
439	345	Abbey Ntl	417	+3	11.5	3.4	16.1
284	179	Allied Irish	276	+1	...	3.7	14.4
197½	130	Aus New Z	182	+2	...	4.8	...
3800½	2712½	Bankamerica	3475 †	+25	...	...	...
269	177	Bk of Ireland	268	...	...	4.6	20.0
350	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
192	116½	Bank Scotland	187	-2	4.5	3.1	25.1
572	362	Barclays	562	+5	...	...	...
4½	2	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
22	15½	Carlisle	18	...	...	...	...
595	395	Cater Allen	575	-5	27.0	5.9	...
153	85	Cattles	146	...	...	3.6	18.4
2487½	1787½	Chase Manh	2450 †	+12½	...	...	...
2600	1343½	Citicorp	2600 †	+25	...	...	...
450	250	Close Bros	448 †	...	...	3.1	16.3
£133½	9275	Commerzbk	£132½	-100	...	3.0	...
£334½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£337½	-6½	...	1.8	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	89	...	...	0.7	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.4	...
539	343	Gerrard Nat	516	-2	21.5	5.2	13.7
774	490	HSBC	746	-21	19.0	3.2	17.9
752	474	HSBC HK	738	+20	19.0	3.2	17.7
391	243	Hambros	378	-1	14.0	4.6	17.5
428	313	Joseph (L)	420	...	16.6	4.9	...
155	96	King Shaxson	143	...	9.0	7.9	...
508	312	Kleinwort Ben	494	-1	16.0	4.0	17.1
591	492	Lloyds	563	+6	18.4	4.1	16.1
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	99	...	3.0	4.0	18.4
551	322	Nat Aust Bk	541	+10	...	3.6	20.0
559	398	Nat West	559	+4	17.5	3.9	34.0
460	270	Provident	409	-3	11.4	3.5	17.7
54	39	Rea Bros	51	...	0.5	1.2	54.2
358	207	Ryl Bk Scot	334	-11	8.8	3.3	...
1335	467½	Schroders	1258	+3	...	1.1	25.1
1014	576	Stand Chart	1014	+9	20.0	2.5	...
227	145½	TSB	215	+2	6.4	3.7	...
190	78	Union Disc	172	...	...	...	...
862	529	Warburg SG	862	+8	...	2.8	21.8
8600	4843½	Wells Fargo	8600	+50	...	1.5	...
187	121	Westpac	178	+9	...	4.4	...
323	188	Wintrust	320	-3	9.3	3.6	28.6

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
646	517	Allied-Lyons	569	+2	...	4.6	15.4
647	441	Bass	473	...	18.9	5.0	10.3
299	189	Boddington	269	...	7.3	3.4	15.6
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	448	...	...	2.8	19.6
167	129	Burtonwd Brw	153	...	4.7	3.9	12.8
130	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	126	...	...	3.2	33.3
68½	50	Fosters Brewing	60½	-½	...	4.3	∞
435	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	432	...	...	2.1	18.5
480	383	Grand Met	398	+2	12.3	3.9	13.1
427	347	Greenalls Grp	365	-2	11.7	4.0	12.1
572	505	Greene King	566	...	...	2.7	16.0
521	388	Guinness	403 †	-1	...	3.7	15.1
281	230	Hardy Hanson	255	-3	7.9	3.9	14.2
125	105	Heavitree▲	120	...	3.0	3.2	28.6
353	255	Highland Distl	334	+2	6.6	2.5	∞
3138	2538	Holt J	3048 †	...	41.0	1.7	19.9
80	33	Hoskins Brew	69	...	...	...	49.7
323	250	Invergordn Dist	295	-4	...	3.0	16.8
186	135	Macallan-Glen	136 †	...	0.9	0.8	30.5
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	390	...	...	2.8	18.6
225	164	Mansfield	225	...	...	2.1	16.1
299	231	Marston Thmp	286	...	...	2.4	17.3
538	328½	Mathew Clark	538	...	18.0	4.7	15.8
300	253	Mrrydwn W	263	...	7.0	3.3	20.8
545	455	Morland	524	...	8.4	2.0	20.9
12	6½	Paramount▲	9½	...	...	2.1	∞
196	145	Regent Inns	196	...	4.5	2.9	∞
1083	753	SA Breweries	1055	-11	...	2.5	17.9
475	393	Scot & New	448 †	-3	...	4.7	13.9
225	181	Taunton Cider	188	-2	6.0	4.0	15.4
257	213	Vaux Group	257	+1	9.3	4.5	17.7
344	225	Wetherspoon JD	341	...	5.4	2.0	∞
574½	435	Whitbread 'A'	525	-1	...	4.2	14.2
1425	850	-do- 'B'	1200	...	...	1.8	30.1
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	499	+2	11.4	2.9	14.0
515	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
125	73	Abbey	125	...	...	1.9	20.5
25½	12½	Albrighton▲	19	...	...	...	...
148	87	Allen▲	141	...	...	4.4	32.0
120	65	Amec	112	...	3.0	...	20.4
12	4	Anglia Sec	7½	...	...	...	...
321	155	Ashtead▲	319	...	4.5	1.8	32.6
142	101	Atwoods	124	+1	5.0	5.2	∞
276	180	BPB Ind	258	-1	...	3.6	44.4
91	57	Baggeridge Brk	84	...	3.1	4.7	28.2
31	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	0.5	2.6	...
108	74	Barcom	93	...	1.2	1.7	16.9
56½	32½	Bardon	41½	-1	2.0	6.0	20.4
198	94	Barratt Devs	175 †	+1	4.0	2.9	∞
455	305	Bellway	454	...	...	3.3	26.3
43	15	Bellwinch	41	...	...	...	...
449	295½	Berkeley Gp	432	-2	...	1.7	27.1
116	45	Best Bros	98	...	...	0.6	4.0
63	36	Blockleys	51 †	...	1.0	2.5	56.3
290	189	Blue Circle	285	...	...	4.0	...
285	230	Boot (Henry)	270	...	5.9	2.7	15.1
106	78	Breedon PLC	87 †	...	4.6	6.6	21.4
123	82	Br Dredging	123	...	5.2	5.4	26.7
86	45	Brit Fittings	83 †	...	1.5	2.3	...
151	99	Bryant	130 †	...	...	4.6	26.2
113	53	CALA	111	...	...	2.6	...
312	200	CRH	310	...	...	2.7	17.0
43	18	Cakebread Rby	33	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	36	...	...	...	...
148	86½	Countryside	143	-5	...	3.6	37.8
94	38	Crest Nicholson	92	...	0.0	...	...
112	27	Cussins	101	...	...	1.2	...
7½	1½	Dunton▲	5½	...	...	...	...
25	15	Edmond Hldgs	19 †	...	0.5	...	...
275	178	Epwin	272	...	6.8	3.1	23.0
59	32	Erith	56 †	...	0.3	0.8	...
483	252	Eve Group▲	483	...	...	2.6	17.5
6½	3½	Explaura▲	4	...	...	...	...
140	97	Freeman Gp▲	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
50	38	Galliford	42	...	1.0	3.0	∞
78	52	Gibbs & Dandy	72	...	...	1.7	...
923	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	15.0
162	90	Hewden-Stuart	160	+½	...	2.5	28.4
51	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
358	186	Heywd Wlm	349	-4	12.5	4.5	...
119	37	Higgs & Hill	110	...	2.5	2.9	...
38	26	How Gp	30 †	...	0.5	3.0	...
21	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	1.0	1.9	...
78	39	Ibstock Johnsen	66	...	...	...	...
19½	12½	Jarvis	18½	...	9.0	3.7	12.2
316	196	Laing (J)	305	...	...	6.6	...
127½	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	121½	-½	4.5	5.8	36.5
97	55	Ln Clydeside▲	97	...	...	...	8.6
23	10½	Lovell (YJ)	18½	...	9.0	3.7	18.7
350	240	Manders	306	...	4.2	3.3	46.6
168	93	Marley	159	...	...	4.5	75.8
113	61	Marshalls	110	-3	5.1	3.6	∞
183	122	Maunders (J)	183	+5	6.5	3.8	37.0
217	96	McAlpine (A)	214	...	0.5	...	...
47	23	McCarthy & S	42	...	...	3.0	42.3
438	272	Meyer Int	422	...	4.0	4.6	...
129	62	Mowlem (J)	109 †	...	...	...	...
156	51	NSM	151	-3	...	...	...
53	35	Needler ▲	48	...	...	3.7	22.4
171	106	Newman Tnks	148	...	...	...	19.8
300	197	Persimmon	292	...	8.6	3.7	29.8
26	10	Phoenix Timber	10 †	...	...	...	...
1625	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	∞
163	80	Prowting	163	...	3.4	2.6	...
6½	1½	Quiligotti▲	1½	...	...	...	...
838	555	RMC Gp	793 †	-18	...	3.2	29.8
117	75½	Raine Ind	79	...	3.0	4.8	∞
36	18	Ramus▲	20	...	...	...	...
575	402	Redland	522 †	-3	25.0	6.0	30.4
80	64	Roskel	71	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
296	207	Rugby Group	274	-1	6.4	2.9	21.0
68	23	Srvild-Rve▲	67	...	...	0.5	...
132	68	Sharpe & Fisher	129 †	...	...	3.9	22.4
238	86½	Sheffield Insl	228	...	...	3.0	56.0
169	82	Sheriff Hldgs▲	169	...	...	1.5	25.2
65	66	Shorco▲	84	...	...	7.7	19.1
240	196	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
6½	2½	Starmin	3	...	...	...	...
156	100	Tarmac	140 †	-3	5.5	4.9	...
194	137	Tay Homes	175	...	5.8	4.3	∞
139	63	Taylor Woodrw	128	...	1.0	1.0	...
628	433	Tilbury Dougls	605 †	...	33.0	6.8	19.7
39	19	Torex Hire▲	37	...	...	1.4	...
277	168	Travis Perkins	271 †	...	8.0	3.7	47.7
40	28	Try Group	30	...	1.0	4.2	8.5
28	25	Tudor▲	25	...	...	1.3	...
92	41	Vibroplant	91	+½	2.5	3.4	32.7
65	20	Ward Hldgs	44	...	...	...	...
36	25	Waterhouse	33	...	...	...	...
475	360	Watts Blake	425 †	...	...	3.5	18.3
26	8	Wescol▲	23	...	...	...	...
167	90	Westbury	160	-1	5.0	3.9	25.0
12	4½	West Scaffold▲	7½	...	...	...	...
3½	3	Wiggins	3½	...	...	...	...
468	371	Wilson Bowdn	438	-8	8.7	2.5	30.1
205	147	Wilson (C)	191	-1	3.9	2.6	33.1
194	104	Wimpey G	162	-1	...	4.1	...
47	25	YRM	36	...	0.5	1.7	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	583	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	...	5.8	9.3
92	56	Air London▲	75	...	2.0	5.3	...
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	...	5.6	21.3
178	93	Auto Sec	119	+6	...	3.1	5.3
138	84	BET Ord	131	+1	4.9	5.0	...
108	41	BNB Res	106	...	8.0	3.3	16.9
318	258	BPP	306	...	8.0	4.7	14.7
285	195	Barbour Index	215	-2	0.7	...	...
27	15	Bousread	27	...	4.7	2.5	17.3
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	238 †	...	...	1.3	19.9
25	11	Broadcastle▲	25	...	...	...	...
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	3.5	17.5
109	86	CRT Gp	99	...	...	1.5	27.3
193	139½	Capita Group	175	...	...	2.4	16.3
45	31	Casket Plc	42½	...	...	...	...
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	22½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	50	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	340	-10	...	1.7	21.1
100	18	Comac▲	90 #	...	...	2.2	22.1
34	6½	Corp Services	33	+1	...	...	...
78	20	Coutts Cnslig	75	+2	...	...	...
116	50	Dart	114	+1	3.3	3.6	15.5
256	198	Davis Service	222	...	...	4.5	16.7
104	85	EW Facts▲	100	+5	4.3	5.4	11.4
32	11	Gardiner	30	-1	0.6	...	20.8
268	215	Hays	268 †	+3	5.3	2.5	∞
248	174	Hogg Robinsn	235	...	...	3.5	17.1
70	35	Holmes Protectn	39	...	...	...	2.4
220½	127	Hutch Whamp	220½	+5½	...	2.2	18.4
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	2025	...	...	5.1	2.7
637	511	Inchcape	518	-2	...	3.4	16.7
871	669	Johnson Clean	870	...	25.7	3.7	19.0
12	2½	Lep	6½	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mille Gp	279	...	3.5	1.6	21.7
1187	893	Manpower	1077	...	...	...	...
62	40½	Michael Page	60½	+½	1.8	3.7	25.7
279	125	Pennant	128	...	...	9.8	4.8
4½	2	Prime People▲	3½	+½	...	...	...
142	74	Proudfoot Alex	79 †	...	...	...	4.4
423	337	RCO	387	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
118	86	REA	97	...	4.0	...	...
108	43	Reed Executive	107	-1	...	5.2	21.6
156	109	Reliance Sec▲	109	-1	2.3	1.4	26.2
238	178	Rentokil	210	+1	...	3.5	14.4
283	220	Rolfe & Nolan	255	...	...	2.8	19.4
399	334	Salvesen (C)	353	-1	...	2.7	11.8
39	26	Scott Pickford▲	37	...	...	...	...
10	5	Select Appt▲	9	-½	14.0	1.5	33.0
1193	695	Serco Gp	1193	...	...	5.9	4.3
352	124	Sherwd Cmpt▲	148	...	...	3.5	24.2
130	90	Sketchley	106	-2	6.5	2.4	18.0
355	310	Warner Howrd	345	...	...	...	...
45	27	Welpac	31	-½	0.4	2.0	∞
26½	14	Wills Gp	24½	...	...	...	...

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	210	Allied Colloids	240½	-2½	...	2.2	21.2
863	613	Amersham	863	+1	...	2.0	29.9
7	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£108½	8325	BASF DM	£107½	-21½	...	6.1	...
297	199	BTP	291	...	...	4.0	20.0
£128½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£127½	-50	...	4.3	...
178	134	Blagden	163	...	9.5	...	17.6
165	93	Brent Chems	116 †	...	...	8.0	10.6
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	386	...	...	...	...
29	11½	Caird Gp	12½	...	...	13.6	34.0
180	126	Canning (W)	176 †	+8	7.2	5.2	20.2
608	483½	Courtaulds	484	-1½	...	3.6	12.9
335	228	Croda	333	...	...	2.9	19.1
149	121	Doeflex	137	...	4.6	4.6	9.6
226	175	Ellis & Everard	221	-2	...	4.0	21.1
36½	15½	Euro Colour	35	...	0.8	2.9	21.4
342	259	Halstead (J)	341	...	6.5	2.4	∞
241	167	Hickson	179	-1	...	5.0	16.6
£118	8850	Hoechst	£114½	-200	...	3.2	...
229	195	Holliday Chem	221	-1	...	2.1	20.3
740½	608	ICI	719	-4	...	4.8	...
688	576	Laporte	680	+2	18.5	3.6	18.8
230	181	Leigh	212	+3	...	4.6	30.5
1937½	1462½	Norsk Hydro	1912½	-21½	...	1.5	22.2
464	370	Paterson Zoch	460	...	11.4	3.1	19.8
420	360	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
206	199	Plysu	236	-4	...	4.1	14.1
275	173	Porvair	274	...	3.6	1.6	29.3
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	55	...	...	...	...
465	412	Wardle Storeys	448	-5	16.0	4.5	18.0
535	395	Wolstnhlme R	525 †	...	17.0	4.0	19.0
401	330	Yorks Chem	384	...	...	2.5	20.6
306	238	Yule Catto	285 †	...	5.0	3.0	15.0
766	593	Zeneca	750	-7	...	4.6	44.3

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	67	...	3.1	6.4	16.7
87	42	Amber Day	61	...	...	2.5	28.4
352	257	Argos Plc	344 †	+1	...	...	...
25	12	Ashley Group	13½	-1	...	...	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	95	-2	0.1	0.1	...
320	278	Asprey	318	...	5.1	2.0	22.0
150	94	Austin Reed	147	...	...	2.2	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	153	...	...	4.9	15.4
171	94	Bentalls	102	...	1.0	2.3	...
278	202	Betterware	208	-5	...	1.2	24.3
47	22	Blacks Leis	43	...	2.2	6.5	...
222	133	Body Shop	188	+13	...	1.1	24.1
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	12½	...	...	0.8	6.3
417	318	Brown (N)	417	+2	...	2.1	34.4
87½	64½	Burton	74½	...	...	3.4	...
156	136	Cantors	155 †	...	4.0	3.2	∞
360	295	Church	350	...	12.5	4.5	31.1
193	97	Clinton Cards	160	...	4.2	3.4	19.1
275	212	Coats Viyella	267	-2	...	3.4	30.9
112	78	Colourvision▲	100	...	3.6	7.0	18.0
720	374	Courts Furnish	720	+4	5.5	1.0	9.0
155	115	Crown Eyes▲	135	...	...	6.5	9.2
129	89	Dairy Farm Ind	126	-3	...	2.8	18.5
87	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	83	-½	1.0	1.5	26.6
281	189	Dixons Grp	270	...	...	2.9	...
413	330	Dunhill	353	-13	8.1	2.9	13.7
21	8	EBA Gp	10	-½	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	162	...	...	2.7	∞
277	203	Etam	255	...	6.9	3.4	23.2
608	499	Fine Art Dev	582	-2	12.7	2.7	19.0
70	36	Fired Earth Tiles	63	...	...	...	...
568	498	Forminster	568	...	14.0	3.1	10.3
180	24	French Conn▲	136	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	66	+1	2.1	4.1	∞
78	23	Goldsmiths Gp	69	...	0.3	0.5	...
4050	2400	GUS	3850 †	...	...	1.4	30.3
2265	1563	-do- 'A'	2145 †	+10	...	2.6	16.9
40	25	Hampden Grp▲	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Harlsome	65	...	...	5.4	...
27½	20	Helene Plc	26½	-½	2.0	9.7	12.2
75	29	Heritage▲	74	...	...	...	...
73	35	Honeysuckle▲	65	...	...	1.9	9.2
153	63	Jacques Vert	145	...	...	2.6	11.1
691	496	Kingfisher	641	-5	...	2.7	22.1
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
685	495	Liberty	575 †	...	7.2	1.6	67.7
320	241	Lloyds Chem	269	-4	7.2	3.4	∞
152	120	MFI	145	-½	...	3.2	30.5
407½	311	Marks Spencer	398	-4	...	2.5	21.9
575	445	Menzies (John)	574	...	...	2.4	16.3
236	135	Moss Bros	236	...	5.5	2.9	27.7
212	139½	Next	188½	-½	2.5	1.7	22.3
41	15	Oliver (G)	36	...	...	...	...
303	197	Oriflame Intl	299	...	...	4.0	14.7
63	38½	Pentos	45	...	1.5	...	9.4
313	185	QS Hldgs	195	...	5.1	3.4	13.8
43	20½	Rhino Grp▲	41½	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	154 †	...	...	2.1	13.9
119½	93	Sears	112	+½	...	3.0	...
41½	11	Signet Group	28	...	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	459	-6	...	3.9	15.0
20	4½	Specialeyes▲	18	...	...	...	...
229	176	Storehouse	199	-1	...	3.1	25.7
191	148	T & S Stores	150 †	...	5.9	4.7	11.6
162	71	Tie Rack	157	...	1.0	0.8	25.7
236	160	Time Products	235	...	7.5	4.0	20.0
128	63	Usher (Frank)▲	109 †	...	...	6.9	9.4
45	27	Vival	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	34	Wensum▲	34	...	...	6.7	...
119	76	Wickes	106	-1½	...	0.2	48.1
78	45	Wid of Leather▲	68	...	...	...	...
198	140	Wyevale▲	187	...	...	2.7	24.7
4	2½	Xtra-vision▲	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	174½	-½	...	3.6	17.5
243	223	Acal▲	243	...	...	3.2	16.9
162½	38	Acorn Comp▲	105	+9	...	...	53.2
480	385	Admiral	455	...	5.4	1.5	19.2
170	104	Alba	165	-3	...	3.7	20.7
50	19½	Alphameric	46	...	...	...	...
51	22	Amstrad	48	...	0.5	1.3	∞
128	61	App Holo▲	71	...	...	...	...
43	9½	Arlen	40	+1	...	...	...
86	35½	Astec	81	+1	...	0.4	...
293	243	Beales Hunter	244	-1	...	4.8	15.1
9	2	Bennett & Fountn	2½	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	397	...	19.2	6.2	...
575	435	Blick	445	-8	9.2	2.6	17.3
1700	925	Borland▲	1150	...	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	360	...	6.3	2.2	23.4
449	376	BT	447	+6½	...	4.4	21.1
201	150	BT P/P	197½	+4½	...	4.3	21.6
13½	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	12	-½	0.1	1.0	...
160	97	Burnfield	97	...	5.7	7.4	15.3
956	669	Cable Wireless	953	+26	...	1.9	24.9
27½	11½	Chloride	26½	-1	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro▲	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Comptr People	110	...	0.6	...	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	144	...	...	1.3	14.8
433	243	Critchley	432	...	...	1.8	∞
554	414	Delta	513	-6	...	3.4	21.4
380	205	Denmans El▲	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	450	...	7.2	2.0	15.4
65	48	Dowding Mills	63	...	...	5.0	27.0
1105	865	Druck▲	1105	...	10.0	1.1	23.6
469	358	Electrocomp	435	-3	...	2.3	17.7
580	470	El Data Prc	560	...	5.1	1.1	15.4
133	43	Electron House	128	-1	2.6	2.5	28.1
30½	10½	Emess	21½	...	0.1	0.6	...
625	442	Eurotherm	625	...	8.0	1.6	28.4
172	108	FKI	171	+6	...	2.2	25.0
466	340	Farnell Elect	462	...	...	1.7	24.5
91	33	Feedback▲	88	...	...	2.1	11.5
18	7½	Ferranti	8½	-½	...	...	...
275	101	First Tech	275	...	...	0.5	22.9
270	81	Forward Gp▲	257	...	...	1.6	23.2
22½	16	Forward Tech	18	...	...	...	...
367½	264	GEC	353	-3	10.3	3.6	17.7
199	132	Graseby	187	...	...	7.3	39.3
21	7½	Graystone	11	...	...	...	...
39	36	Hilclare▲	36 †	...	...	1.7	...
169	83	INSTEM▲	142	...	...	2.8	10.1
168	118	Ind Control	168	...	4.4	3.3	∞
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.9	15.2
19	8	Kembrey	13½	...	0.1	1.4	...
347	260	Kenwood App	344½	-1½	...	2.8	19.3
262	47	Kewill Sys▲	242	...	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	173	...	5.5	4.0	20.5
31	16	Laser-Scan▲	28	+2	...	...	...
365	122	LBMS▲	254	-2	...	0.4	35.8
300	230	Lec Refrig	240	...	9.0	4.7	...
179	129	Life Sciences	139	...	3.5	3.2	15.1
270	164	Logica	268	-2	4.0	1.9	∞
56	44	LPA Ind▲	54	...	...	8.1	15.2
229	162	Mk Data Mngmt	196	-3	5.1	3.4	∞
718	523	Macro 4	715	...	...	3.1	21.7
243	175½	Mervier-Bw▲	241	...	...	1.9	21.3
3013	1298	Micro Focus	1303	-27	...	...	12.0
227	147	Microgen	162	-1	7.2	5.6	11.0
34½	23½	Microvitec▲	32	...	...	...	...
529	357	Misys	520	-4	...	1.7	19.0
584	98	Mitel	525	+2	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comp▲	130	...	...	3.4	16.5
50½	16	Molynx	48	-½	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	253 †	...	...	1.8	19.1
165	105	Multitone Elect	120	-1	3.5	3.6	∞
236	116	Murray Enter	235	...	...	2.1	...
3200½	2612½	NYNEX	2812½	-62½	...	...	...
188	128	Neotronics	128	...	2.6	2.5	16.5
65	42	Newmark (L)	58	...	...	...	...
240	58	Norbain▲	239	...	...	0.8	18.4
75	20	Northamber	62	...	0.6	1.2	...
19½	9	Oceonics	11	...	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	281	...	4.5	2.0	19.3
83	48	P-E Intern'l	73	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	73	...	1.4	2.4	38.8
80	55	Peek	77	...	3.4	5.6	19.8
227	115	Pegasus▲	223	...	...	3.6	57.2
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1350	725	-do- Lmp NV	1312½	+25	...	...	...
291	217	Phonelink▲	291	+3	...	...	...
290	171½	Pifco	285	...	...	1.8	23.9
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	275	...	...	1.9	23.1
96	63	Plasmec▲	66	...	...	...	5.6
120	76	Pressac	108	...	2.4	2.8	21.8
138	81	Psion▲	138	+2	...	2.3	36.6
261	160	Racal Elect	207	-8	4.2	2.6	12.3
70	45	Radamec	55	+5	...	3.4	11.7
70	31	Radius▲	40	-1	2.7	...	...
92	61	Real Time ▲	65	-1	...	5.8	13.3
35	18	Riva▲	26	...	...	...	33.0
629	367	Sage Gp	454	-2	9.0	2.5	14.6
348	222	Sanderson Elec	317	-12	9.0	3.5	13.5
88	49	Scantronic	76	-3	3.1	5.1	19.2
181	117	Scholes Grp	171	...	5.0	3.7	∞
375	220	Sema Gp	337	...	2.8	1.0	27.3
42	26	Silvermines	39	...	...	3.2	...
50	37	Soundtracks▲	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2325	...	...	1.4	26.3
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	16	...	...	...	...
198	80	Telemetrix	192	...	0.8	0.5	31.6
1017	809	THORN EMI	906	-14	...	4.4	18.5
143	96	Thorpe FW	136 †	-3	2.6	2.5	∞
103	52	Total Systems▲	52	...	3.0	7.2	9.2
515	372	Tunstall	515	...	6.0	1.5	20.6
294	164	Unitech	283	...	...	2.7	67.0
11½	8	Verity	8	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec▲	29	...	...	1.6	16.6
585	367	Vodafone	551	+10½	...	1.6	25.0
473	368	Volex	454	-2	17.8	4.9	18.6
26	11	Western Selectn	21	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Fitgs	282	-2	11.7	5.2	30.0

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
572	389	East Midlands	565	-2	...	4.3	10.6
594	399	Eastern Elect	588	-4	...	4.1	11.7
400	304	Hydro-Elect	395	-1	...	3.6	14.3
596	404	London Elect	590	...	...	4.1	13.1
640	458	Manweb	633	-3	...	4.1	9.1
599	424½	Midlands Elec	598	+1	...	4.2	10.7
410½	273	National Powr	404	-4	...	3.3	12.0
629	440	Northern Elec	626	+1	...	4.3	9.0
236	100	Nthn Ireland	203	...	...	3.9	10.8
629	439	Norweb	629	+7	20.0	4.0	9.7
452	273	PowerGen	440	-6	...	3.0	11.6
400	285	Scottish Power	394	+1	...	3.5	14.6
648	436	Seeboard	647	+1	...	2.9	10.4
637	469	Sth Wales	633	+2	...	4.4	10.5
601	426	Sth Western	599	-2	...	4.2	9.5
602	406	Southern Elec	599	-2	...	4.1	11.0
620	455	Yorkshire Elec	618	...	...	4.1	11.6

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.9
125	47	BWD▲	119	...	...	3.4	18.6
101	26	Baltic Plc	97 †	...	...	1.3	...
550	413	Caledonia	536	-6	...	3.5	19.9
1625	1075	Camellia	1625	+100	...	2.2	6.1
318	243	Candover	311	...	10.2	4.1	22.0
162	71	Flextech▲	162	+8	...	0.4	...
335	155	Govett	328	-1	...	4.9	9.6
188	125	Ivory Sime	162	...	...	5.0	15.2
6½	3	LIT	4	-½	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	230	+1	8.4	4.6	16.7
67	47	Manakin	67	...	5.0	9.3	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
341	266	Rathbone Brs	327	...	6.0	2.3	19.9
26	17	Rutland Tst	24½	...	...	1.1	14.5
340	253	S & U	324	-11	10.0	3.9	11.9
83	48	Singer & Fried	81	...	...	4.6	...
975	713	Sotheby's	803	...	...	4.2	...
166	83	SJP Capital	164	+1	3.0	2.3	67.6

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2356½	+8½	...	4.9	24.7
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1073	...	...	2.2	...
200	92	Invesco	172	...	...	3.2	10.1
244	164	Jardine Strat	242	-11	...	...	...
236	154	MAI	227 †	+1	6.0	3.8	∞
690	389	MAM	689	-1	15.0	2.7	17.2
973	633	M & G	972	-1	...	2.8	25.9
379	109	Smith New Ct	377	-1	...	2.0	5.7
81	55	Trio Hldgs	76	-1	...	4.9	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
536½	456	AB Food	480	-5	14.0	3.6	11.0
77½	52½	ASDA Group	53½	-2½	1.6	3.8	12.8
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	283	...	6.5	2.9	16.3
79	55	Albert Fisher	75	-1	3.7	6.3	12.5
407	285	Argyll	291	-5	...	4.7	10.7
174	117	Assoc Fisheries	159	...	...	6.3	3.3
228	160	Banks (S C)	225	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	323	-2	6.5	2.5	16.3
85	57	Bensons Crsp▲	63	...	...	5.7	14.2
141	112½	Bertsford Intl	124	-3	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	387	-3	...	7.2	32.9
52	35	Borthwick	46½	...	...	3.2	57.8
505	430	Brake Bros	469	-1	6.2	1.7	19.4
51	38	Budgen	44	...	...	2.8	13.4
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	464	-3	...	3.6	16.4
122	78	Carrs Milling	122	...	3.9	4.0	24.4
196	156	Cranswick	190	...	...	5.3	14.2
22	8½	Cullens	14½	...	0.5	4.3	41.7
384	119	Dalepak	129	...	8.0	5.8	10.2
521	424	Dalgety	487	+1	...	5.4	13.4
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
248	191	Devro	244	+4	...	2.8	23.2
134	99	Everest	104 †	...	3.7	4.4	∞
376	269	Farepak	376	...	5.7	1.9	23.1
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.9	24.9
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	18.0
483	328	Geest	372	-2	8.1	2.7	16.6
16	7	Global▲	14½	...	...	4.3	22.6
47	43	Grand Central	47	...	1.2	3.3	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	176	+1	...	4.5	9.9
175	131	Hillsdown	165	+1	8.8	6.8	12.8
250	181	Iceland Group	198	+2	...	2.1	12.5
131	103	JLI Group	109	-1	...	5.3	12.1
853	653	Kwik Save	666	-9	16.0	3.0	12.8
262	167	Low (Wm)	170	...	8.4	6.2	8.2
83	41	Matthews (B)	78	...	2.2	3.6	51.1
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	18	+½	1.1	7.6	36.9
174	98	Morrison (W)	106 †	...	...	0.9	13.8
227	177	Nichols (JN)	220	...	13.6	7.7	6.4
291	242	Nthn Foods	247	-10	...	4.3	12.3
20½	9½	Nrthmbrn Fds▲	11	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	183	...	...	4.2	10.1
250	205	Park Foods	233	...	...	3.2	18.0
115	78	Perkins Food	84	...	...	6.5	9.6
114	47	PizzaExpress	111 †	...	...	0.6	23.5
9	1½	Regina Hlds▲	4½	...	...	...	...
584	413	Sainsbury J	415	-4	...	3.0	14.6
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	75	...	...	2.5	13.5
225	94	Sims Food	115	...	...	5.3	22.2
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	365	-2	12.0	4.1	11.5
273	189	Tesco	202 †	-3	...	4.4	9.2
211	123	Thorntons	158	+1	3.6	2.9	∞
183	101	Treats▲	156	...	...	2.9	17.8
410	300	Unigate	379	-9	...	5.3	12.4
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	365	+½	...	5.3	22.2
24½	18½	Usborne	20½	...	...	4.9	∞
337	248	Watson & Phil	301	...	13.3	5.5	15.7

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	22	...	1.5	2.2	21.7
91	77	City Centre Rest	90	...	...	4.3	17.2
250	170	Forte	219 †	-3½	...	4.6	30.0
215	152	Friendly Hotels	154 †	-1	...	...	...
11½	5	Harmony Leis▲	11	+½	...	...	...
135½	87	Jurys Hotel	131½	...	...	4.9	10.6
222½	154	Ladbroke	187 †	-1	11.1	7.5	16.0
73	59	Mandarin Ortl	66	+1	...	5.1	16.3
99	44	Queens Moat	47½ #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¼% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½	½	Regal Hotels▲	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels E	18½	...	...	6.6	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	818	...	7.0	1.1	...
60	34½	Stakis	64	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	47	AAF Inds	52	...	...	21.3	3.2
616	455	AAH	518	+2	...	4.2	16.6
185	140	AIM	183	...	7.5	5.1	11.1
112	88	APV	99	...	...	6.8	...
238	81	ASW	198	...	...	3.8	...
186½	118	Adwest	173	...	...	5.4	16.1
28	10	Aerospace Eng	21½	...	...	4.4	28.3
281	249	Airsprung	278	...	...	2.0	17.8
160	113	Alexdra W	160	...	3.8	3.0	44.2
13½	6½	Allied Radio	9½	...	...	...	...
585	415	Alumasc	558 †	-5	...	2.6	16.5
48	17	Alvis	41	...	1.0	3.0	8.4
525	345	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	12.0
48	18	Amberley Gp▲	40 #	...	...	3.1	...
107	75	Anagen	76	...	...	...	...
145	75	Andrews Sykes	86	...	...	6.4	...
990	703	Antofagasta	990	+5	...	2.0	18.2
54½	37	Armour	50	...	...	4.2	11.6
170	143	Ash & Lacy	150	...	6.4	5.4	15.1
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	...	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	517	+1	...	4.0	20.6
250	168	Assoc Nursg▲	248	...	...	0.5	15.2
687½	523	Atlas Equip	525 †	...	...	5.2	13.3
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	162	...	...	...	...
73	28	BLP Group▲	73	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	20½	...	5.0	...	0.9
770	622	BOC	634	-2	23.2	4.6	13.9
79½	62	BSG	72½	...	...	5.6	25.0
487	353	BSS Group	468	...	...	4.6	28.0
409½	318	BTR	366½	-2½	...	3.7	20.5
221	155	BWI	168	...	6.7	5.1	∞
50	29	Babcock	33	-½	...	8.0	19.7
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	8	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	275	-4	8.9	4.1	18.8
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	625	-18½	...	5.4	3.6
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	59	...	...	3.0	24.2
15	4	Beauford	4½	...	...	...	...
10	5	Beckenham▲	5	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)▲	30	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16½	...	...	2.3	12.5
707	461	Bespak	530	-3	10.0	2.4	16.6
133	73	Bibby (J)	84	-4	9.7	...	4.9
312	129	Billam (J)	252	...	5.0	2.5	12.7
41	21½	Bilston Burgess▲	28	...	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	...	...	...
202	118½	Birkby	200	...	3.5	2.2	18.9
45	32	Black Arrow	37	...	2.6	8.8	11.6
1½	¼	Black & Edgtn▲	1½	...	...	...	...
238	138	Black (Peter)	238	...	3.7	2.0	20.9
562	129	Bluebird Toys▲	515	-10	...	1.1	15.7
322	247	Bodycote	284	...	...	2.2	18.0
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	503	+1	...	3.3	18.7
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	435½	Bowater	455	+2	...	3.2	19.0
1682	1189	Bowater Inc	1248 †	+26	...	...	...
277	199	Boxmore Intl▲	277	...	...	1.7	20.6
19	12½	Brasway	14½	...	0.5	4.4	∞
303	204	Brammer	285	...	13.0	5.7	21.2
27	12	Bridgend Gp	24½	...	0.4	2.0	...
123	64	Bridon	119	...	...	4.2	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	77	-1	4.1	6.7	14.5
48	31	Brierley Inv	46	+1	...	7.5	∞
308	245	Br Bldg & Eng	245	...	...	1.3	...
82	42	Br Bloodstock▲	79	...	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	470	...	...	2.7	16.7
130	54	Br Steel	124½	-½	...	1.0	...
180	80	Br Syphon	85	...	...	4.4	23.8
185	115	Br Thornton	146	-4	...	2.1	16.0
268	215	Br Vita	235	-1	7.1	3.8	14.5
15½	5½	Britton Grp	14½	+½	...	1.5	...
752	555	Broken Hill	752	+12	...	2.4	35.1
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	107	...	...	5.1	13.9
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9½	...	...	...	...
73	44	Brown & Tawse	58	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	127	...	6.0	6.0	21.7
23	11½	Business Tech▲	15	...	...	...	...
28	17	Cl Group	22	...	1.0	...	20.8
33	11	Campbell & Arm	26	-1	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	32	+2½	...	...	...
256	205	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
251	178	Carclo Eng	247	...	8.6	4.4	17.6
2888	2138	Carnaud Md	2300	...	...	2.7	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros▲	72	...	...	4.2	11.8
210	158	Castings	230	...	4.3	2.6	14.8
71	62	Cathay Intl	63	+1	...	...	...
205	113	Chamberlin Hill	175	...	6.2	4.3	10.9
753	605	Charter	742	-4	...	3.7	17.5
345	220	Chemring	319	...	...	3.2	19.2
92	45	Chieftain Gp▲	51	...	5.1	...	10.9
49	17	Chillington	43	+8	0.2	0.7	...
205	144	Christies Int	199	...	...	0.9	49.4
63	34	Clayhithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	75	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers▲	7 #	...	...	...	...
400	295	Cohen (A)	363	...	6.8	...	...
233	179	Community H	217 †	...	...	4.0	14.8
246	186½	Concentric	215	...	...	3.2	18.1
288	120	Cook (Wm)	281	+17	5.0	2.2	17.0
233	182	Cookson	281½	+½	...	3.7	26.7
76	38	Copymore▲	71	...	...	1.8	21.7
238	130	Corwil Pkr 'A'	143 †	-1	...	5.0	19.3
178	92	Cosalt	131	...	10.7	...	20.2
224	150	Creighton Nt▲	187	...	...	4.9	13.4
48	37	CrestaCare	36 †	...	0.5	1.7	31.1
3862½	2993½	Dana	3787½	-9½	...	...	...
305	78½	Danka Bs Sys	305	+26	...	0.5	29.0
243	193	David Brown	208	...	...	3.6	14.6
22	5	Davies (DY)▲	17	...	...	...	...
712	652	De La Rue	668	-2	...	3.1	18.3
30	16	Dinkie Heel	30	+2	0.9	4.0	23.5
553	391	Diploma	551	+1	4.7	2.2	28.7
79	50	Dobson Park	78	...	5.7	...	14.0
116	92	Dyson (J&J)	114	...	5.0	5.5	21.0
80	57	-do- 'A'	77	...	5.0	8.1	14.2
16½	8	EFG	12½	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	407	...	...	3.9	16.0
28	19	Elbief	25	...	...	...	...
50	19	Eleco	48	-2	...	...	0.00
2390	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2257½	+34½	...	2.3	...
76	45	Elliott (B)	75	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	410 †	...	...	6.1	23.9
140	111	Environmed	138	...	...	...	99.3
3850	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3850	+109½	...	0.8	...
77	32	Eurocopy	68	-2	1.6	...	26.4
87	47	Expamet	71 †	...	...	...	1.7
717	499	Fairey Group	674 †	...	10.2	1.9	20.8
121	53	Fenner	121	+1	...	...	22.8
86	32	Ferraris Group	63	...	...	2.0	14.8
1½	¼	Ferromet▲	1½	...	...	...	...
29	15	Ferrum	16	...	2.5	...	11.2
60	28	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
251	147	Fisons	164	...	...	6.8	14.9
53	28	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	9.6	...
288	215	Flogas	273	...	...	3.6	12.5
43	35½	Folkes Group nv	36	...	1.5	5.2	21.4
86	56	French (Thomas)	81	...	3.6	5.6	40.6
240	166½	Frost Group	222	+4	...	2.3	28.0
88	71	GEI Int	85	...	...	7.3	...
513	434	GKN	483	+1	...	5.5	30.9
51	42	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.7	...
101	79	Garton Eng	94	...	4.0	5.4	...
161	103	Gestetner	143	-2	8.2	7.2	6.2
42	25	Glevez	39	...	...	...	28.2
801	509	Glaxo	662	-4	...	4.2	17.3
38	16	Glenchewton	31½	...	...	5.6	...
331	245	Glynwed	322	-4	11.6	4.6	30.0
126	66	Goode Durrant	121	...	...	5.6	...
153	102	Grampian Hd	148	...	5.5	4.7	25.4
492	341	Granada	486	-3	7.7	2.0	25.9
443	304	Great Strn▲	440	...	...	3.1	18.1
117	78	Green (Ernst)▲	99	...	...	9.2	∞
15½	8½	Greenacre▲	15½	...	...	2.3	15.1
17	8	Guardian Grp▲	10½	...	...	...	...
62	30½	Haden MacLn	62	...	...	4.0	22.4
94	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	87	-1	...	0.7	...
290	115	Hall Eng	276	...	8.6	3.9	23.0
229	161	Halma	199	-1	...	1.2	26.7
49	30	Hampson Ind	45	...	1.6	4.4	14.9
268	222	Hanson	261	-1	...	5.5	13.3
221	153	Harris (Philip)	162	...	...	5.3	9.8
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	189 †	-3	9.0	6.0	27.3
90	38	Havelock Euro	88	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	40	...	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	25	...	0.7	3.5	∞
13½	4½	Healthcare	4½	...	...	22.2	1.2
395	301	Hepworth	385 †	-2	14.8	4.8	16.6
228	160	Hewitt (J)	222	+3	3.0	1.7	17.3
38	15	High-Point	36	...	1.3	...	...
162	112½	Hill & Smith	160	...	...	4.4	22.3
19½	6½	Hobson▲	18½	...	...	...	...
176	87	Holders Tech▲	176	...	...	4.3	23.0
52	30	Hopkinsons	50	...	1.3	...	37.4
173	133	Hornby▲	173	+1	...	6.5	16.3
88	54½	Howden	81	...	2.2	3.4	15.0
260	173	Hunting	233	-16	...	5.5	19.3
903	269½	Huntlgh Tec▲	448 †	-3	...	2.8	11.4
312	247	IMI	288	-1	...	4.3	25.5
119	90	ISA Intl	118	...	1.5	1.6	18.3
205	139	Intercare Gp▲	142	...	...	2.3	15.0
286	235	Isotron	277	...	4.3	2.0	∞
559	360	Jardine Math	559 †	+16	...	2.2	20.4
537	425	Johnson Math	479	+3	...	2.7	21.0
64	36½	Johnson & FB	45	...	3.0	8.3	13.9
177	104	Johnston	148	...	3.2	...	...
33	19	Jones Shipman	25	...	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	30	-1	0.7	3.2	...
87	26	Kalamazoo	86	...	2.1	3.1	20.0
178	73	Kalon	160½	+2½	...	2.5	22.3
297	195	Kelsey Ind	213	...	13.0	...	...
553	465	Kershaw (A)	553	...	27.0	6.1	28.7
235	75	Kleeneze	197	...	...	...	...
151	61	LGW▲	144	...	3.0	2.6	11.9
351	266	Laird	339	...	...	3.9	16.7
157½	103	Lilleshall	146	...	...	3.6	19.2
223	97	Lincat▲	208 †	...	...	3.6	14.7
24	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	23	-1	...	...	18.9
128	76	Linread	109 †	...	3.7	4.3	16.8
280	170	Linton Park	253	...	...	6.9	9.1
15½	10½	Lionheart	10½	-½	0.2	2.4	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
274	140	Lon Intl	169	+3	9.4	7.0	12.9
135	70	Lonrho	123	+2½	...	4.1	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	358	-3	...	3.2	50.1
340	254	MB-Caradon	336	-3	...	3.2	27.2
168½	128	-do- pf	167½	-½	7.2	5.4	...
40	14½	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
47	27	MS Intl	47	...	...	6.6	48.4
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
216	168	Macfarlane	205	...	...	1.9	23.2
480	379	McKechnie	447	-4	14.7	4.1	22.2
106	85	McLeod Russel	103	...	6.0	7.3	12.6
10½	2½	Maddox	2½	...	...	...	15.0
106	63	Magnolia	100	...	0.1	0.1	16.1
106	71	Mang Bronze	99	...	1.0	1.3	...
26½	19½	Marling	22½	...	...	3.6	...
198	124	Mayborn▲	198 †	+3	...	3.2	15.2
62	29	Mayflower	58 †	...	...	2.7	48.4
236	85	Medeva	113	+½	...	2.5	9.2
118	88	Meggitt	103 †	...	...	4.6	17.5
125	98	Metalrax	120 †	...	...	3.8	19.6
154	126	Metrotect	153	...	...	2.6	21.3
95	70	Metsec▲	95	...	...	...	...
90	29	Midsumr	87	-3	...	1.1	11.7
25	14	Mining & Ald	20½	...	0.5	3.0	...
515	368	Molins	511 †	-1	...	3.4	12.3
345	262	Morgan Crble	326	-5	...	4.9	16.7
184	134	Morris Ashby▲	177	...	...	3.8	13.4
33	18	Neepsend	28	...	0.7	3.3	37.6
73	34	Nestor-BNA	62	...	3.1	6.4	14.8
191	122	Nobo Gp	191	+2	4.8	3.1	18.9
181	122½	Norcros	164	...	...	5.3	24.0
51	35	Novo Group	38	...	...	4.3	12.2
413	310	Nu-Swift	348	...	...	...	∞
81	36	Office Elec Mac	65	-7	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	39½	...	...	5.5	...
140	123	PCT▲	132	...	...	6.9	15.0
76	36	Pacer Systems▲	72	...	...	6.1	...
138	87½	Pentland	97	...	...	3.2	13.2
395	291	Photo-Me	291	-3	4.6	2.0	18.8
165	97½	Pilkington	143	-1½	...	3.5	...
87	68	Plantsbrook	85	...	3.0	4.4	13.6
154	125	Polypipe	144 †	-1	2.1	1.8	∞
42	19	Porter Chadbrn	20	...	...	7.8	9.2
11½	5½	Porth Gp▲	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	368	...	...	2.2	19.1
20	16½	Prospect Inds	18½	...	0.7	5.1	9.3
64	37½	RPS Group▲	64	...	2.2	4.3	14.1
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil▲	131	+1	...	1.0	43.0
842	636	Rank Org	821	+1	31.0	4.7	22.5
33	15	Ransomes	17	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	623	...	...	3.3	14.2
77	50	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Reece	5	...	...	...	...
254	131	Relyon	247	...	4.9	2.5	11.8
308	208	Renishaw	274	...	6.5	3.0	∞
109	55	Renold	108	+½	...	1.2	...
1582	1240	Reuters	1518	-7	21.2	1.7	25.1
62	24½	Rexmore	60	...	1.7	3.6	...
188	91	Ricardo Group	188 †	+5	...	3.8	26.6
76	58	Richard (Leics)	75 †	...	4.4	...	...
98	63	Richardson West	81	-1	3.0	4.6	20.8
142	109	Ropner	134	...	8.2	7.7	19.0
136	97	-do- 'A'	126	...	8.2	8.2	17.9
38	23	Ross Gp	34	+1	0.6	3.4	9.7
184	131½	Rotork	170	+1	...	2.7	19.9
162	89	Rubicon	162	...	...	3.3	22.7
66	43	Russell (A)	65 †	...	...	...	...
29	15	SEP Indl	29	...	...	3.3	26.1
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	975	...	...	...	...
59	39	Saville Grdn (J)	53	-2	...	5.2	26.4
248	205	Scapa	212	-1	...	3.3	16.2
238	192	Scholl	210	...	...	3.8	15.3
6½	4	Scot Heritable	4½	...	...	...	...
1090	917	Securicor	1090	+3	2.6	0.3	41.5
787	562	-do- 'A'	787	+17	2.6	0.4	28.9
695	465	Security Serv	695	+15	5.0	0.9	34.4
124½	77	Senior Eng	124½	...	...	3.2	20.6
361	278	Seton Health	317	+7	...	2.3	18.6
68	42	Sheldon Jones▲	63	...	2.9	2.6	15.2
141	88	Shiloh	141	...	...	3.9	20.3
344	281	Skillaw	338	-1	...	2.4	19.2
561	427	Siebe	520	-6	...	2.8	19.2
383	220	Silentnight	358	+3	...	4.2	∞
131	102	Sime Darby	129	...	...	...	...
142	32	Simon Eng	71	-2	...	...	...
259	194	Sinclair (Wm)	198	-3	7.0	4.5	∞
47	36	Six Hundred	46	...	...	4.8	...
164	137½	Smith & Neph	137½	-½	...	4.2	15.3
513	389	Smithkline	403	+5	8.6	2.7	14.6
450	340	Smithkline Uts	358	+7	...	3.6	12.1
394	320	Smiths Ind	356	-15	11.2	4.0	14.5
140	58	Stbn Bus	83	...	3.3	5.1	7.8
460	265	Spandex▲	460	...	...	1.8	20.3
650	300	Spear (JW)	520	...	4.0	3.4	9.7
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	357 †	...	...	3.3	22.4
145	44	Spring Ram	58	+2	...	...	18.1
270	222	Staveley	229	-6	...	4.6	12.9
164	126	Sterling Ind	163	...	...	4.3	25.0
187	97	Suter	173	+1	8.8	6.4	18.1
386	244	Swire Pacfc 'A'	386	+2	...	2.3	∞
7	3	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	10.3
78	53	Sykes-Pick	55	...	...	...	...
149	120	Syltone	148 †	...	...	4.0	19.7
374	279	TI	343	...	...	3.9	23.4
32	12	TLS Range▲	31	-1	...	1.0	...
318	211	TT Group	317 †	-1	...	2.6	19.5
249	220	Takare	234	...	1.8	1.3	19.4
868	618	Takeda Chem	798	-14	...	0.8	15.1
68	24	Tex Hldgs	68	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)▲	101	...	...	6.7	15.6
240	150	Titon▲	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
271	212½	Tomkins	229	-1	...	3.5	16.9
112	67	Trafalgar H	99	-4	...	4.1	7.2
116	69	Transfer Tech	100	-2	3.2	4.0	12.6
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	169	...	...	5.2	20.3
289	214	UniChem	285	...	5.6	2.7	17.2
375	275½	Unidare	365 †	...	...	5.4	18.3
76	11½	Unigroup	32	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1094	+18	21.3	2.4	14.9
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7500	+109½	...	2.8	12.4
915	513	VSEL	849	-4	...	4.3	9.2
12½	6½	Verson	11	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	155	...	...	1.2	...
307	243	Victaulic	279	-3	...	3.5	13.8
447	283	Vinten	446	...	...	2.0	20.7
694	427	Vosper Thorny	691	...	...	2.9	16.7
46	41	WSP Hldgs	42	...	...	...	10.9
468	368	Wagon Ind	445	...	...	4.9	19.6
98	71	Walker Greenbk	89	...	3.1	4.4	22.4
258	201	Wassall	248	-2	2.5	1.3	25.0
42	22	Watford Wdgwd	39	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	306	-1	...	2.4	17.3
993	600	Wellcome	742	+1	13.0	2.2	30.5
27½	16	Wellman	19½	...	0.9	5.8	31.8
354	260	West Hlthcare	354	...	...	1.3	∞
510	460	Whatman	483 †	...	9.5	2.5	16.4
353	224	Whessoe	238	...	...	4.2	9.2
68	27	Whitecroft	67	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Witney	8	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	125	-1	3.5	...	36.6
365	295½	Williams Hldg	327	-3	12.5	4.8	17.1
39	17	Wilshaw	37½	-½	...	1.7	23.6
693	533	Wolseley	673	-3	12.5	2.3	23.3
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	38	...	...	3.3	...
59	38	Young (H)	52	...	3.0	7.2	19.1

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1268½	Alex & Alex	1281½	+12½	...	5.2	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	2206½	-18½	...	3.3	...
55	30	Archer (AJ)	55	...	4.4	...	26.7
183	133	Berry Bch Ntl▲	170	...	...	3.9	13.2
148	118	Bradstock	125	...	5.1	5.1	15.4
498	359½	Britannic	453	-5	...	3.1	...
667	556	Com Union	629	-2	...	4.8	...
1725	1225	Dom & Gen	1725	...	...	1.6	22.6
39	18	FAI	36	...	...	...	...
741	546	Gen Accident	721	-2	26.7	4.7	...
230	160	GRE	221	-5	7.0	4.0	18.1
412	293	Heath C E	383	...	...	5.2	...
228	161	Hogg Gp	161	-1	8.1	6.5	14.3
215	162	IIB Group	175	-1	...	5.4	17.9
538	408½	Legal & Gen	511	-2	...	4.7	31.0
1092	768	Liberty Life	1034	-8	...	2.5	20.2
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	453	+4	17.3	4.8	16.3
358	253	Lloyd Thomp	277 †	-1	6.7	3.0	17.2
388	274	Londn & Man	367 †	-1	14.2	4.9	27.0
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	405	...	13.5	4.2	14.6
6743½	5462½	Marsh McLn	5468½	+6½	...	3.3	...
130	76	Oriel	129	...	...	4.9	...
72	50½	PWS	60	+1	4.0	8.3	8.7
361	282½	Prudential	348	...	...	4.3	23.1
1138	800	Refuge	1015 †	-15	31.5	3.9	28.1
347	248	Royal	309	+1	...	2.6	...
204	150	Sedgwick	179	+12	...	4.2	22.1
261	119	Steel Burrill	148	-6	...	...	8.7
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	87	...	8.2	...	8.8
400	307	Sun Alliance	383 †	-5	14.2	4.7	...
75	50	Trade Indemnity	72	+2	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	328	...	12.0	4.6	30.4
773	499	Utd Friendly	645	...	14.5	2.8	28.1
242	171	Willis Corroon	211	+8	...	3.9	45.3
21	13½	Windsor	19	...	...	...	14.9

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1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1820	1548	Alliance	1765	+2	45.0	3.2	38.6
264	226½	Amer Trust	258	...	4.9	2.4	53.5
404	304	Ang & O'seas	398	-1	6.8	2.2	50.5
153½	124	BZW Conv	153½	...	7.8	6.4	∞
188½	133½	Bankers	183	+1	3.4	2.4	90.1
317	264	Baring Tribute	314	...	6.4	2.6	49.7
198	131	Berry Starq	198	...	2.2	1.4	64.4
110	96½	Br Assets	104	-½	...	5.1	25.5
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	81	...	0.8	1.4	...
29	14	-do- Wnts	26½	...	...	...	...
198	156	Br Inv	194	...	4.5	2.9	43.7
191	130	Cont Asset	188	...	2.4	1.6	62.5
195	143	Derby Inc	151	-1	...	11.8	9.1
280	195	-do- Cap	278	-2	...	...	...
87	62	Drayton Blue	87	...	8.4	12.1	9.7
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	80	...	1.2	1.9	...
133	84	-do- Far East	128½	+1	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	117	+½	0.5	0.6	...
665	576	Dunedin Inc G	664	...	...	4.8	30.6
100	91½	-do- Japan	91½	...	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	45	...	...	...	...
696	513	-do- Wrde	684	...	9.5	1.7	70.5
292	222	Dundee & Lon	286	...	...	3.9	26.4
304	250½	Edinburgh	293	+1	8.4	3.6	32.1
287	183	Electra Inv	284	...	6.7	2.9	38.7
190	141	Electric Gen	186	+1	3.1	2.1	57.9
113	85	English Scot	111	...	...	...	...
300	208	European Asset	293	...	...	2.5	38.1
133	77	Finsbury 'A'	132	...	3.0	2.8	42.5
292	248	Fleming Amer	289	+½	0.7	0.3	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	213	...	...	3.1	42.0
322	212	-do- Cond	322	-1	2.7	1.0	...
202	147	-do- Entp	201	...	...	2.9	40.6
342	213	-do- F East	342	+5	1.1	0.4	...
327	246	-do- Fledg	326	...	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	107	...	...	5.1	18.3
260	136	-do- Japan	233	...	0.3	0.2	...
289	250	-do- Merc	280	...	6.7	3.0	59.9
302	212	-do- Oseas	280	...	4.2	1.8	60.1
258	203	Foreign & Col	256	+1	...	1.7	69.7
115	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	115	+2	0.2	0.3	...
62	44	-do- Enterprise	62	...	0.4	0.9	...
223	164	-do- Eurotst	223	+1	1.3	0.7	...
126	87	-do- German	125	...	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	309 †	+5	...	0.8	...
166	116	-do- Smaller	166	+½	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	242 †	...	...	0.6	...
160	65	Genl Cons Cap	159	...	...	9.0	12.2
123½	96½	-do- Inc	118	...	...	...	...
133	115	Govett Am Smlr	125	...	...	...	...
113	94	-do- Emg Mkts	109	+3	...	...	...
325	184	-do- Oriental	325	+5	0.9	0.4	...
283	207	-do- Strategy	276	...	...	3.1	38.1
400	340	Greenfriar	400	...	...	2.0	60.1
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	124	Inv Cap	138	...	5.1	4.6	27.7
97	77	IBS UK Smlr	92	...	2.8	3.8	25.7
209	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	202	...	5.0	3.1	39.3
239	176	-do- O'seas	232	...	3.3	1.8	65.9
135	108	-do- Smlr	135	...	...	3.2	32.7
682	540	Law Debenture	679	...	18.2	3.4	33.9
197	164	Majedie	196	...	...	3.0	37.9
272	221	Merchants	269½	...	...	5.1	24.9
6687½	3700	Merrill Lynch	6550 †	-100	...	...	...
493	383	Monks Inv Tst	489	+1	...	1.7	61.9
140	105	Morg Gren Inc	137	...	...	4.2	27.2
53	23	Do Warrants	52	...	...	...	...
56	39	Murray Euro	55	...	0.1	0.4	...
21	4½	Do Wts	19½	+½	...	...	...
348	282	Murray Income	346	...	10.9	3.9	33.0
341	265	-do- Intl	339 †	+1	11.6	4.3	30.6
368	303	-do- Small	387	+2	...	1.4	...
103	92	-do- S/C Inc	92	...	...	14.4	9.0
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	123	+1	...	...	...
3100	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3075	...	...	4.3	...
156½	142½	-do- S/C DP	156	-½	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	304 †	...	10.9	4.5	∞
91	68	Nthrop Inc	91 †	...	6.7	9.3	17.1
336	249	O'seas Inv Tst	335	+1	2.8	1.0	...
439	285	Pacific Assets	439	+41	1.1	0.3	...
344	187	Do Warrants	344	+12	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8250	...	16.0	2.5	48.7
158	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	152	+1	1.1	0.9	...
126	108	River & Merc	124	...	9.2	9.3	12.4
465	350	Robeco	418	...	...	3.0	...
435	346	Rolinco	413	...	...	1.9	...
279	214	St Andrew Inv	278	...	7.5	3.4	37.4
156½	131	Scot American	151	...	...	3.8	31.9
244	136	Scott Asian	244	+5	...	...	...
625	225	do Warrants	625	+25	...	...	...
81½	63½	-do- Eastern	79	+½	1.5	2.4	51.9
224	183	Scottish	221	-½	4.6	2.6	45.8
225	178	-do- Mtge	219	+1	4.0	2.3	56.8
97	71	-do- Value	97	...	...	2.3	69.1
1592	1390	Second Allnce	1584	-3	...	3.1	39.9
91	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	90	-½	3.2	4.5	29.8
157	109½	Selective Asset	156	...	1.2	1.0	56.1
37½	14	Sphere Inv	37	-½	3.1	10.7	11.7
164	112	TR Far East	161	-3½	4.5	3.5	35.3
154	126	TR City Of Lon	150½	...	...	4.0	32.8
176	110	TR Pacific	175	+1	0.3	0.3	...
35	17	TR Property	34½	...	0.9	3.2	38.5
120	47	TR Tech Inv	117	...	1.7	1.9	43.4
198	146	TR Smlr Cos	193	...	...	2.5	44.6
348	283	Temple Bar	339	...	13.2	4.9	25.6
101	69	Thmtn Asian E	100	+1	0.5	0.6	...
78½	54	Throgmorton	76	+½	2.3	3.8	31.0
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	515	-3	...	...	...
231	178	USDC Invest	227	...	4.5	2.5	41.8
114	76½	Value Inc Tst	112	...	3.6	4.0	28.2
773	542	Whitbread Inv	741	...	16.5	2.8	44.6
216	181	Witan	212½	+1	5.6	3.3	37.2

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
454	269	Airtours	449	+4	7.2	2.0	15.9
64	42	Ald Leis	56	...	3.0	6.9	∞
376	194	Anglia TV	361 †	+2	...	3.2	16.7
103	63	Baldwin	88	...	3.0	4.3	11.9
252	192	Barr & W 'A'	244 †	-5	10.0	5.1	15.8
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1155 †	...	22.0	2.4	17.3
153	90	Border TV▲	135	...	...	3.1	12.2
16½	4½	Brent Walker	5½	...	...	...	...
63	48	Bristol Scots	63	-5	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	7	...	...	...	...
292	85	Campari	98	...	...	...	...
230	172	Capital Radio	225	-1	5.2	2.9	26.0
818	718	Carlton Comm	794	+6	17.0	2.8	22.5
200	158	Castle Comm▲	188	...	...	5.7	17.2
2108	1615	Central TV	2048 †	+3	38.0	2.3	22.3
124	61	Chrysalis	114	-1	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	588	+4	...	2.8	17.6
350	175	Eurocamp	195	-1	9.7	6.3	8.0
1180	580	Euro Disney	595	-3	...	2.0	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	3½	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	35½	-1	0.3	1.2	∞
390	245	Fairline Boats	310	-3	10.5	4.2	...
378	267	First Leisure	267	-5	6.1	2.9	18.5
588	298	GWR Gp▲	585	...	...	1.5	30.1
246	149	Grampian	243	...	6.1	3.1	16.8
20	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	19	...	...	...	38.6
87	19	HTV Group	87	+1	...	...	...
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	62	-4	...	4.1	...
12½	5½	Kunick	9½	...	...	...	...
505	405	LWT Hldgs	500	-1	...	1.2	23.1
600	322	Man Utd	580	-5	19.5	4.2	∞
148	59	Owners Abrd	83	+7	3.5	5.3	6.7
74	33	The Pelican Gp	67	+2	...	2.1	15.7
160	55	Prism Leisure▲	133	...	...	3.1	12.3
42	16	Quadrant Grp	39	+7	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde▲	322	...	...	3.3	25.2
206	132	Ramsdens (H)	203	+9	...	2.8	26.9
553	410	Scot TV	425	...	9.9	2.9	20.8
65	37	Southern Radio	55	...	0.7	1.8	22.9
260	168	Stanley Leisure	229	...	4.3	2.4	18.1
10	5½	Sunleigh ▲	8½	...	...	...	...
145	115	Sunset & Vine	120	...	3.5	3.6	14.0
420	345½	Tanjong	349½	...	...	0.5	18.9
2½	1	Ticketing▲	2½	...	...	...	3.7
117	84	Tottenhm Hot	115	...	...	1.9	19.7
78	44	Trans World▲	54	...	10.0	2.5	15.1
499	274	Ulster TV	491	...	0.7	1.0	22.9
101	62	Vardon	97	...	0.2	...	...
22	11	Wembley	18	...	...	...	...
48	7½	Whitegate	46	...	...	...	...
234	110	Yorkshire TV	211	-7	12.0	7.1	6.4
120	83	Zetters Gp	116	...	8.0	8.6	13.1

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	5125	-9½	...	3.9	26.0
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1537½	...	...	5.9	8.1
2300	1125	Ang Am	2175	-9½	...	3.1	18.9
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	30½	-½	...	...	...
134½	33	Blyvoors	134	-½	...	...	...
46	18	Bracken	41	-½	...	...	2.5
871	233	Buffels	683	+2	...	9.3	6.2
2½	1	Butte	2½	...	...	...	...
720	546	CRA	661	-8	...	3.0	22.7
43½	11	Cluff Res	30	...	...	...	...
1337½	762½	De Beers	1337½	+25	...	3.6	18.4
165	37½	Deelkraal	125	-9½	...	1.6	14.4
96	7	Doornfontein	69	+3½	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	770	-22	...	3.8	15.2
709	120	Durban	527	+2	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	133	-3	...	8.5	3.9
230	54	E Rand Prop	206	-7	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	420	+2	...	2.8	10.3
899	252	FS Cons	856	-9	...	5.8	10.8
80	8	FS Dev	35	+5	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1339	-17	...	3.0	23.1
180	125	Gencor	151	-5	...	5.8	12.4
64½	39½	GM Kalgoorli	46½	+2	...	2.9	19.0
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	15½	+½	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	125	...	...	8.1	7.8
360	78	Harmony	310	+5	...	...	...
425	87	Hartebst	352	+4	...	5.4	14.0
16	8½	Inoco▲	15½	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	714	...	...	3.9	24.5
13½	6	Kenmare Res▲	8½	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	889	-14	...	5.5	10.3
913	319	Kloof	741	-34	...	2.9	10.4
137	25	Leslie	101	+1	...	4.0	10.7
219	13	Loraine	201	-2	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	750	...	...	2.6	∞
116½	80	MIM	89	+4	...	2.5	43.2
1266	820	Minorco	1237	-10	...	3.1	∞
141	91	Nth Bkn Hill	133½	+5	...	3.6	22.0
2287½	612½	Orange Free	2125	-9½	...	6.0	17.2
746	607	RTZ	665	-4	...	4.0	18.4
637½	425	Rand Mines	568½	...	...	10.8	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	609	+10	...	4.6	6.1
192	115	Renison	158	+8	...	2.8	16.3
1200	850	Rustnbrg	1087½	...	...	3.1	∞
595	191	St Helena	564	-6	...	4.2	12.0
2168	475	Southvaal	1762	-51	...	3.2	32.2
119	18	Stilfontein	72	-3½	...	8.7	13.0
201	58	Unisel	117	-3	...	3.6	11.9
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	5600	-50	...	3.9	10.1
582	154	Welkom	560	-2	...	5.8	17.6
424	26	Western Areas	415	-5	...	1.2	13.2
2512½	587½	Western Deep	2250	+9½	...	2.7	10.9
283	176	Wstrn Mining	238	+6	...	2.0	∞
1029	323	Winkels	889	-5	...	1.6	7.7
84	56	Zambia Copper	67	-1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	55	...	...	5.5	18.6

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
258	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	130	...	3.0	2.9	12.5
153	78	Appleyard	130 †	...	...	5.0	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	315	...	...	3.5	16.0
192	120	Bostrom	191	...	6.0	4.0	33.3
468	165	Br Aerospace	419	+11	7.0	2.1	...
52	19½	Burndene	46	...	...	3.2	12.2
386	303	Caffyns	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
15	4½	Caverdale	13½	...	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtrs▲	134	...	...	3.7	34.1
29	18	Cook (DC)▲	25	...	...	3.0	14.2
267	156	Cowie (T)	245	-2	6.2	3.2	18.7
141	86	Dag Motors	138 †	...	5.7	5.2	24.9
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	154	-1	...	3.3	19.5
328	155	ERF	328	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	136	-1	...	3.2	19.1
404	208	Evans Halshaw	403	...	11.8	3.5	62.1
290	223	FR Group	225	+1	...	4.0	10.4
3793½	2843½	Ford Motor	3625 †	+18½	...	...	...
3312½	2347½	General Mtr	2862½	...	...	1.9	...
75	38	Gowrings	58	...	2.0	4.3	...
247	85	Henlys	229	-1	3.0	1.6	...
998	650	Honda Motor	962	-19	...	0.9	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	25	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	99	...	4.5	5.7	...
173	97	Kwik-Fit	159	...	...	2.6	22.5
420	281	Lex Service	383	-1	...	3.5	20.9
164	85	Lookers	148	-1	6.2	5.2	...
169	126	Lucas	166	...	...	5.4	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	23½	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	260	...	...	3.2	21.4
190	101½	Perry Gp	170	-1	...	3.2	...
190	108	Quicks Group	170	...	...	3.3	21.7
160	95½	Rolls-Royce	152 †	-2	...	4.1	...
223	164	T & N	175	-5	...	7.8	24.9
236	169	Trinity Hldgs	232	-1	...	3.0	21.5
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	175	...	...	3.0	24.5
253	120	Wesland	223	...	4.2	2.4	19.7

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	103	Adscene	191	...	5.0	3.3	19.6
360	315	Black (A&C)	358	...	13.5	4.8	14.5
608	260	Blenheim Gp	332	-3	...	3.5	11.9
370	225	Bristol	349	...	...	4.2	31.5
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9300	-125	13.0	1.7	20.9
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9250	-150	13.0	1.8	20.8
309	251	Dorling Kind	309	+1	3.3	1.3	∞
373	322	EMAP	338	-5	...	2.9	20.8
1123	873	Euromoney Pb	1123	...	28.5	3.3	25.3
264	170	Harrington K	222 †	...	4.5	2.5	18.5
468	233	Haynes Pub	458	...	...	2.2	17.2
363	343	Hodder H'line	359 †	...	4.5	1.6	30.5
140	99	Home Counts	125	-2	6.0	...	...
151	30	Intl Bus Comm	143	...	...	...	20.7
14	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	13½	...	...	...	...
395	240	Independent	375	...	...	3.1	20.2
590	395	Johnston Press	575 †	...	8.2	1.4	24.9
321	243	Metal Bulletn	321	+1	8.0	3.1	22.7
186	88	Mirror Gp.	158	-5	...	...	...
481	297	News Corp	481	+18	...	0.3	...
274	169	News Intl	271	+3	...	0.6	16.7
550	354	Pearson	544	...	...	2.8	29.6
675	510½	Portsmth Sund	620	...	...	1.9	17.1
745	618	Reed Int	735	-1	...	2.9	32.0
157	98	Southnews	151	+1	...	1.7	27.9
171	90	Sterling Pub▲	165	...	...	2.3	18.2
423	328	Telegraph	386	-1	...	3.6	16.2
825	715	Thomson Corp	745	...	...	2.0	37.2
395	313	Trinity Intl	377	-11	8.7	2.9	22.6
39	27	Unit Group▲	34	...	...	...	...
595½	480½	Utd Nwspapr	533 †	-5	...	5.0	14.8

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	33½	...	...	...	32.6
61	37	Arcon Intl▲	42	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Ass Oil & Gas	62	-1½	...	...	...
83	26	Aviva Pet	68	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
207	145	Br Borneo	202	-1	7.1	4.4	6.1
359½	276	British Gas	328½	-½	14.2	5.5	15.6
330½	225	Br Petroleum	325½	+2	8.4	3.2	25.8
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castl	754	-12	...	4.2	17.6
68	32	Cairn Energy	60	-1	...	...	9.0
287	223	Calor Gp	280	-3	...	5.5	15.0
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	51½	-½	...	...	...
44	27	Copiex Res	35	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas▲	17½	+½	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	479	+8	16.0	4.2	26.4
88	32	Exp Co Louis	39	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	23½	-½	...	2.2	8.6
10½	4	Fortune	4½	...	...	...	...
67	45	Goal Pet	63½	...	1.4	2.8	12.1
48	18	Gt Western Res	42	...	...	...	...
176	104½	Hardy O & G	170	-2	...	0.7	15.8
46	18½	Kelt Energy	43	...	...	...	...
195	128	LASMO	136	-1½	...	3.0	27.6
103	63	-do- Units	73 †	...	9.4	16.2	...
24	5½	Mid Sea Res▲	6	-½	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	52½	-½	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	4½	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	27	...	...	...	...
36	27	Oil Search	32	-2	...	...	...
19½	11½	Petrox	18	-½	...	...	...
144	99	Pict Pet	131	-1	...	...	∞
29½	18	Premier	21½	-½	...	...	7.9
115	50	Presidio	113	...	...	5.9	...
393	290	Ranger	340	-3	...	4.5	...
6887½	5150	Royal Dutch Fl	6812½	-75	...	4.5	16.9
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4187½	-9½	...	1.9	...
67	47	Seafield	54	+2	...	...	...
686	515	Shell	680½	-1½	21.9	4.0	20.9
203	173	Sunrise Eng Sv	176	...	...	...	...
41	19	Triton Europe	19	...	...	...	...
15½	6	Villiers Grp	15	...	...	...	...
175	135	Woodside	175	+2	...	2.0	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	120	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
331	249	API	330	...	7.5	2.8	28.7
229	144	Arjo Wiggins	230	-5	...	3.7	36.5
543	408	Abbott Mead	543	...	9.3	2.2	28.3
40	13	Aegis Gp	37	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm▲	129	...	...	4.7	11.7
13	7	BBB Design▲	13	...	...	...	...
409	234½	Bemrose	392 †	+2	...	3.7	17.1
33	10	Birkdale	10	...	...	...	...
152	118	Bunzl	150 †	...	4.0	3.3	22.6
344	257	CIA Gp	343	...	...	1.6	21.7
230	93	Capital Inds	179 †	...	...	2.2	17.1
79	44	City of Lon▲	76	...	...	8.3	14.0
246	169	Cropper (James)	246	...	3.1	1.6	23.8
6	6	Crown Comm▲	6 #	...	...	...	...
95	51	Delyn Pckging	88	-3	1.6	2.4	11.8
120	94	Dolphin Pack	120 †	...	4.5	4.7	29.6
87	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	70	...	...	5.5	15.9
19½	11	Elswick	11½	...	...	3.2	13.1
73	41	Fairway Group▲	66	...	3.1	6.0	19.5
340	271	Ferguson Intl	328	-3	...	4.8	14.8
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
152	74	Filofax▲	146	+1	...	1.1	18.9
20	11	Fitch	14	...	...	...	...
122	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	122	...	...	5.1	13.8
295	219	Gold Greenless	219	-2	8.3	4.7	15.6
41	20	Goodhead	22	...	0.5	2.8	...
88	35	Hunterprint	39	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	172 †	+3	7.8	5.7	∞
266	191	Jarvis Porter	266	+2	...	2.2	24.8
32	15½	Lopex	25	...	...	...	...
37½	26	MMI	30½	...	...	...	...
334	175	More O'Ferrall	333 †	...	13.2	5.0	39.0
133	48	NMC Group	122	...	2.0	2.0	18.8
173	66	Oxborne & Little	172	...	...	3.3	18.9
525	455	Portals	498	-5	...	3.7	17.0
3½	½	Premier Hldn	2½	...	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	285 †	...	...	2.4	17.5
347	287	St Ives Gp	297	-2	5.5	2.3	∞
185½	142½	Saatchi	172	+5	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	373	+12	...	8.7	7.1
32	11½	Serif▲	29½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	17½	-2½	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	344	-1	...	3.6	18.0
295	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	214	-8	...	2.0	5.1
70	45	Sonic	68	...	1.5	2.8	27.9
246	183	Sun-Plus	218	-2	8.0	4.6	19.4
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27½	...	0.3	1.4	22.8
78	38	VTR▲	78	...	...	5.4	22.3
106	40	WPP	99 †	-1	...	1.3	3.7
179	62	Wace	178	...	...	...	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	257	...	...	3.8	19.3
779	540	Watmough	779	+6	11.5	1.8	30.6
7	4½	Westport▲	5	...	...	...	...
34	12	Whitney Mck▲	18	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	78	...	...	2.0	16.7

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
114	41	Allied Lon	113	-1	...	4.0	28.6
63	58	Arcadian	60	-2	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	5½	...	...	...	...
127	52	Asda	124 †	-3	...	2.1	13.0
152	88	Avonside	143	...	4.0	3.5	20.0
2637½	2062½	BCR▲	2125	...	...	...	...
655	396	Bilton	650	...	18.9	3.7	23.3
110	23	Bourne End	88	...	1.0	1.4	...
224	150	Bradford	217	-1	5.4	3.1	22.0
23	5	Bredero	16½	...	...	...	...
427	166½	Br Land	419	-4	...	2.1	38.2
241	140½	Brixton	237 †	-3	...	4.4	18.8
82	42	Burford	82	...	...	1.8	...
186	99	Cap & Regnl▲	184½	...	...	5.0	...
225	120	Cardiff Prop	225	...	2.4	1.3	...
530	196	Chesterfield	528	...	11.0	2.6	37.8
43	12	City Site Ests	38	...	...	...	...
26	12	Clarke Nickolls	25	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Ritlat GS	47	...	...	...	...
1278	818	Daejan	1275	...	...	2.6	15.7
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
109	53	Debenhm Twsn	108	...	...	3.5	21.0
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
173	76	Dencora	173	...	3.0	2.2	...
598	263	Derwent Hldgs	598	+3	8.6	1.8	74.1
45	10	Development Sec	37	-½	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
300	170	Estates Agency	280	...	3.0	...	25.6
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
215	132	Evans Of Leeds	208	...	...	2.7	18.4
33½	11	Five Oaks	33	...	...	...	...
64	30	Fletcher King	63	...	1.0	2.0	41.7
474	276½	Frogmore	465 †	...	...	4.3	22.4
200	97	Grainger	192	...	5.2	3.4	42.9
233	116½	Gt Portland	228	...	...	4.4	21.8
28	7½	Greycoat	27	+6	...	...	...
155	101	HK Land	155	+1	...	4.1	20.4
84	35	Hambro Cntyw	75	-1	0.5	0.8	...
403	257½	Hammerson	390 †	-2	10.0	3.1	40.4
663	245	-do- 'A'	387 †	-3	10.0	3.4	37.1
256	127	Helical Bar	255 †	...	...	2.4	9.2
37	19	Hemingway	36	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	58 †	...	3.7	...	14.6
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
720	435	Land Sec	712	-4	22.8	4.0	21.5
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	104	...	4.0	4.8	16.2
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3	...	...	...	...
525	315½	MEPC	516	-7	...	4.8	22.2
9	5	McInerney A	7½	...	...	...	...
140	90	McKay Secs	140	...	3.5	3.1	19.2
7½	3	Markheath	5½	...	0.5	...	...
56	12	Merivale Mre	56	...	...	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
47	29	Moorfield Est	46	...	...	...	...
1300	775	Mountview	1175	...	20.0	2.1	11.7
169	112	Mucklow (A&J)	165	...	6.1	4.7	∞
46	30	Olives Prop	36	+1	1.5	5.2	...
10½	3½	Ossory Est	5	-½	0.1	...	...
172	88	PSIT	167	-4	4.1	3.1	33.1
330	138	Peel	329	...	4.0	1.5	...
16	5	Power Corp	5½	...	...	...	...
48	22	Property Trust	38	...	...	...	10.8
75	42	Raglan	50	...	...	...	...
32	11	Regalian	21½	-1	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
48	16	St Modwen Prp	48	...	0.6	1.6	36.6
73	39	Savills	73	+2	...	1.7	28.9
113	34	Scot Met	109	...	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	102	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11½	...	...	...	6.0
272	139½	Slough Estates	265	-2	...	3.8	18.5
85	56	Southend Prop	83	+1	...	3.6	...
39	16	Stanhope Prps▲	38	...	...	...	...
212	114	Tops Ests	212	+1	2.1	1.2	75.6
137	79	Town Centre	136	-1	3.4	3.2	∞
84	43	Trafford Park	77 †	...	...	4.5	17.7
56	17	UK Land	37	-1	...	...	...
12	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
258	180	Warner	250	...	10.5	5.3	22.8
218	168	Warnford	216	-2	7.5	4.3	15.8
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
90	34	Wates	83	+2	0.7	...	...
76	40	Wood John D▲	73	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic▲	13	...	...	...	...
183	84	Headlam	178	-1	...	1.8	40.2
500	315	Lambert	335	...	13.0	4.9	8.2
100	44	Pittards	56	...	2.0	...	16.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	25	...	1.0	5.0	7.0
187	89	Stylo	182	...	...	2.1	69.6
66	53	UK Safety	64	...	...	5.2	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
516	408	Allied Text	504	...	12.6	3.1	16.2
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	3.5	7.6	∞
41	21	Bolton Gp	40	...	...	...	20.3
170	141	Br Mohair	164	...	8.5	6.5	15.4
53	15	Chartwell▲	38	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gn	346	...	7.2	2.6	21.6
601	522	Courtauld Text	532	-3	13.6	3.2	14.6
53½	24½	Cupid▲	29	...	...	...	...
248½	188	Dawson	195	-1	...	5.8	14.8
47	22	Drummond	40	...	...	...	...
82	65	Fanpel▲	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	19	-1	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	123	...	4.2	4.3	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	220	...	...	2.3	17.1
90	45	Jerome (S)	80	+2	...	...	...
385	249	Lamont	385	+1	12.0	3.9	25.2
515	357½	Leeds	499	...	...	1.8	24.1
64	15	Lister	59	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	73	Lyles (S)	84 †	+2	3.3	4.9	∞
200	89	Magellan	198	...	1.4	0.9	...
171	60	Parkland 'A'	168	...	2.0	1.5	...
102½	82	Readicut	98	-½	...	4.4	18.5
66	50	SEET	55	+1	...	...	...
147	72	Sirdar	138	-2	...	5.0	9.3
72	44	Stirling Gp	69	+1	1.8	3.4	16.9
51	37	Stoddard	45	-1	...	4.2	41.8
312	250	Tomkinsons	299	...	11.5	4.8	25.8
62½	32½	West Trust	38	-1	2.5	8.2	∞
208½	126	Yorklyde	179	...	...	3.6	11.7

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	468	+10	...	5.0	14.0
743	584½	Rothmans 'B'	607	-11	11.5	2.4	12.0

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
499	349	Assoc Br Ports	481	-1	...	2.2	...
885	707	BAA	876	...	...	2.3	21.7
380	249	Br Airways	378½	-½	...	3.5	20.8
110	56	Clarkson (H)	94	-1	1.5	2.0	...
25	13	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	465	+7	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	80	...	1.0	1.6	21.5
211	147	IoM Steam	206	...	...	4.9	10.8
38	24	Jacobs (J)	36	...	0.5	1.7	...
101	41	Lon O'Seas Frt	99	...	...	1.3	18.1
425	280	Mersey Docks	415	...	9.0	2.9	26.6
271	181	Nat Express	244	...	...	3.6	25.2
284	230	NFC	269 †	...	6.5	3.0	20.4
339	244	Ocean Group	334½	+8½	...	5.4	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	62	...	4.0	8.1	11.2
676	504	P & O Dfd	591	+6	...	6.5	32.1
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	191	-2	...	3.6	...
579	448	Powell Duffryn	571	-3	...	4.9	22.1
200	117	Seacon▲	200	...	...	3.2	12.6
163	112	Stagecoach	161	-1	...	3.0	∞
68	31½	TNT	66	+5	...	...	...
773	634	Tibbett & Britn	700 †	...	11.8	2.1	26.8
382	116	Tiphook	137	-4	...	17.6	...
298	227	TDG	259	...	...	4.6	8.6

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
559	455	Anglian Water	558	+7	...	4.7	11.3
347	244	Mid Kent Hldgs	347	...	...	3.8	12.8
682	547	Northumbrian	679	-1	...	4.1	7.0
559	431½	North West	559	+8	...	4.8	10.0
570	430	Severn Trent	570	+9	...	4.6	9.1
605	454	Sthrn Water	605	+12	...	4.4	10.1
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1525	...	47.0	3.9	10.9
603	465	South West	603	+4	...	4.9	9.9
584	454	Thames Water	582	+8	...	4.5	11.4
663	506	Welsh Water	662	+4	...	4.4	6.7
677	536	Wessex Water	677	+7	...	4.0	10.2
593	473½	Yorkshire W	587	+6	...	4.5	10.0

Source: Finstat

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ' Ex all; § Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
106	100	Treas 13¼% 1993	100	...	13.63	5.56
102	100	Treas 8½% 1994	100	...	8.43	5.47
109	103	Treas 14½% 1994	103	...	14.02	5.39
109	104	Exch 13½% 1994	104 †	...	12.95	5.39
105	102	Treas 10% 1994	102	...	9.72	5.46
110	105	Exch 12¼% 1994	105	...	11.81	5.41
105	103	Treas 9% 1994	103	+	8.68	5.40
111	107	Treas 12% 1995	107	+	11.12	5.41
97	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97 †	...	3.07	4.57
109	107	Exch 10¼% 1995	107	...	9.51	5.53
116	113	Treas 12¾% 1995	113	+	11.20	5.62
120	117	Treas 14% 1996	117	+	11.94	5.74
125	121	Treas 15¼% 1996	122 †	+	12.49	5.81
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	117	+	11.27	5.83
111	108	Conv 10% 1996	111 †	+	8.99	5.96
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	120	+	10.97	6.11
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	113	+	9.28	6.09
109	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	108	+	8.03	6.12
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	130 †	+	11.51	6.36
112	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	112	...	8.66	6.32
103	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103	...	6.97	6.23
101	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101 †	+	6.67	5.90
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]	+	10.88	6.45

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138	133	Treas 15½% 1998	137½	+	11.27	6.53
123	118	Exch 12% 1998	123 †	+	9.76	6.61
113	108	Treas 9½% 1999	113	...	8.40	6.50
125	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	125	...	9.80	6.70
118	112	Treas 10½% 1999	117 xd	-	8.90	6.62
118	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	117	-	8.70	6.65
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	112	-	8.00	6.58
133	129	Treas 13% 2000	132	...	9.81	6.89
118	109	Treas 10% 2001	118	...	8.47	6.84
119	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	118	-	8.24	6.96
108	97	Treas 8% 2003	108	-	7.41	6.86
122	109	Treas 10% 2003	121	-	8.25	7.02
125	116	Treas 11¾% 2001-04	125	...	9.20	7.12
81	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	80	-	4.35	6.01
119	105	Conv 9½% 2004	118 †	-	8.02	7.09
119	105	Conv 9½% 2005	118 †	-	8.01	7.12
137	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	136½	-	9.16	7.33
107	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	105½	-	7.56	7.10
130	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	129	-	9.05	7.28
112	97	Treas 8½% 2007	111	-	7.63	7.19
145	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	144	-	9.34	7.34

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117	101	Treas 9% 2008	116 xd	-	7.74	7.22
108	92	Treas 8% 2009	107	-	7.45	7.24
118	100	Conv 9% 2011	117	-	7.67	7.26
118	100	Treas 9% 2012	117	-	7.64	7.25
87	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	86	-	6.34	6.80
107	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	106	-	7.29	7.17
109	93	Treas 8% 2013	108	-	7.40	7.24
148	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	147	-	8.12	7.40
118	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	117	-	7.46	7.22

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
48	38	War Ln 3½%	48	-	7.21	...
34	27	Treas 2½%	33	-	7.43	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
135	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	135 xd	-	...	...
201	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	201	+	1.26	2.22
110	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110 xd	+	1.76	2.45
170	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	169	+	2.58	2.98
167	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	166 xd	+	2.73	3.06
114	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	113 xd	+	2.76	3.08
177	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	177	+	2.75	3.00
161	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	161	+	2.91	3.13
168	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	168	+	2.93	3.14
139	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	139	+	2.97	3.15
150	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150	+	3.00	3.17
145	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	145 †	+	3.04	3.19
122	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	122	+	3.03	3.17
123	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	122	+	3.05	3.19

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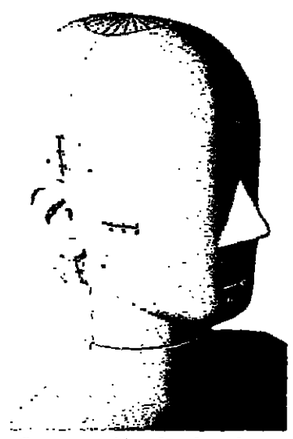
Sinatra: 'I did it the Thorn-EMI way'

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Frank Sinatra's new album is the first to try improved stereo

Ol' Blue Eyes and a Russian actress are getting ahead by singing sweet nothings to a dummy. Chris Partridge reports



Sensaura's "head" microphone



Actress/singer Milla Jovovich is to use the new system

Computer power has arrived in the recording studio, and the realism of stereo sound is about to improve dramatically as computers get to work on digitally recorded sound. Now that almost all sound recording is done digitally, using computer codes instead of waveforms, sound can be manipulated and transformed by computer software in exactly the same way as any other data.

The results can be impressive, providing a sound image in which the position of each sound source can be located with far greater accuracy than the current generation of stereo systems.

Systems such as the American Q-Sound stereo enhancer use computers to add positioning information to the stereo signal so that instruments in a band, for example, seem to be coming from easily located places between the speakers.

The Roland RSS system takes mono recordings and adds stereo coding, a feature which was used in a recent Rolling Stones album to add audience noise that appeared to be coming from outside the speakers, on each side of the band.

Apart from special effects such as this, computers now do all of the mixing and editing that used to be done by adjusting sliders and splicing bits of tape together.

The process is no longer a long, drawn-out mechanical process, simply one of operating a perfectly ordinary personal computer, except that the sound is provided by speakers the size of wardrobes.

But for home users with ordinary hi-fi systems, the stereo is still restricted to a "letter box" image between the loudspeakers, and the true stereo effect is lost if the listener is not sitting in exactly the right place. Headphones are little better because they tend to sound as though the music is being played inside the listener's head.

This could change with a system to be announced today by the organisation that invented stereo in the first place — Thorn EMI's Central Research Laboratories in Hayes, west London. The system, known as Sensaura, uses a computer to generate sound "images" that are moulded to fall on the complex curves of the human head and ear to recreate the sound as close as possible to how it would have appeared in reality.

Great things are expected of it, and the system has been used commercially for the first time to record the orchestral accompaniments on Frank Sinatra's new album, *Duets*.

Next year a new album by Milla Jovovich, a Russian-born American actress/singer, will be released that will include the use of the Sensaura system on a multi-layered vocal that is said to give it ethereal qualities by providing a three-dimensional image just above the listener's head.

The system works by trying to fool the brain into thinking that sounds from a pair of loudspeakers come from a number of widely spaced sources by manipulating the digitally coded sound data in a number of subtle ways.

The human brain is very clever at using every particle of sound that enters the ear to locate and identify the source. For example, a sound coming from the right will enter first the right ear, and then be diffracted round the head and enter the left ear about 760 microseconds later. This minute time difference is combined with reflections from the cavities of the ears and even from the shoulders to estimate the direction the sound came from.

"If you go to a cocktail party and close your eyes, you can hear conversations and locate all the speakers with high precision," says Dr Alastair Sibbald, CRL's principal scientist in charge of the project.

Sensaura recordings are made using microphones mounted in an artificial head, so what the microphone picks up is exactly what would be heard by a human listener in the same position.

This has been done before, but the problem until now has been that listening to the recordings has been like listening to music through two pairs of ears — the plastic microphone ears and then the listener's own. What Sensaura does is to boost some frequencies that are particularly important for the ear, thus restoring the sound to its original form.

One of the most impressive features of Sensaura is the ability to give a height to a sound source. All previous stereo systems have been able only to position sounds laterally. Dr Sibbald says: "This is done by including reflection cues, mainly because of the shape of the ears. But secondary reflections such as off the shoulders are also very important."

The advantage of the system over other enhanced stereo systems now being developed, such as home cinemas, is that no special equipment is required to get the full effect — all the clever stuff is done in the recording studio.

It should not even add to the cost of a compact disc or cassette because it is estimated that licensing the system should add about 10 per cent to the cost of the editing process, a small part of the total cost of a CD.

Let's get compatible

VIEWPOINT

Job cuts reveal how the software industry has no special immunity from the recession. But software companies still play a short-sighted game of challenging each other with endless, and generally pointless, upgrades of largely indistinguishable packages.

In so doing, they continue to miss a glaringly obvious opportunity to win new customers with a simple promise — easy upgrade from an obsolete or inadequate working routine.

A recent mail-order software catalogue lists at least a dozen major database packages. Each is described in terms that are glowing — but meaningless to most potential customers.

Explanatory notes try, unsuccessfully, to explain the difference between a flat file and relational database. Exhausted, the listing then falls back on the old chestnut, low prices. Nowhere is there any clear talk of the one thing that really matters in the mature world of database useage, compatibility with previous databases.

Common sense tells why this feature is so important. Generally, users will already have some kind of database and over the years they will have laboriously keyed thousands of entries into some kind of file structure. Addresses, telephone numbers, notes, customer records and business information all represent a huge amount of work.

Every day, the commitment in time and money grows. In comparison, the price of a new database package — a few hundred pounds — is completely irrelevant.

If moving to a new system involves re-keying, the old system suddenly starts to look attractive. Apart from the time consumed, re-keying is likely to generate errors. One misspelt word can effectively lose an entry for ever because a keyword search will no longer find it.

The ideal upgrade path builds on direct compatibility, so that the files for one database can be directly read by another. This is sometimes possible, but only for a few of the most popular programs. There may even be a degree of incompatibility between old and new versions of the same software.

Where there is no direct compatibility of files between rival programs, there will usually be an "export facility" in the old software and "import facility" in the new software which can be combined to provide an upgrade path.

> How software companies so often fail the consumer

Information from the old database must be converted to a bridge format, usually Ascii code with some selected text character — such as quotation marks or commas — to separate the different lines of entries, for instance to separate names from telephone numbers.

The Ascii must then be converted to the new database format.

With a fair amount of skill, a little luck and a following wind, this will usually work. But this is no job for a novice; it needs a strong heart. It is all too easy to end up with incorrectly ordered data which may prove virtually impossible to unravel. The golden rule is to make safety backups of all data before tampering with it.

Exactly the same sales opportunities are missed in other areas of personal computer software. There are now millions of people in the UK using word processing software which is old, obsolete and no longer supported.

These users have built disc libraries of text that can be read only by old software, or by new software if processed by cumbersome export to Ascii procedures.

All these users are a sitting target for any new word processing software, which makes conversion from old software more painless. But none of the word processing sellers have shown any interest in making conversion easy. Instead of fighting each other with features, software companies might do better by spending time on facilitating upgrade conversion.

BARRY FOX

Time for Magic

ONLINE

MARC PORAT, the chief executive of General Magic, says his company will have two key pieces of software for the long-awaited, new-generation personal communications system — a portable phone with notebook computer all in a pocket-size unit — available by the middle of next year, about six months later than expected.

General Magic's partners are AT&T, Philips, Sony, Motorola, Matsushita and Apple. The alliance is hoping to promote the device, which is about the size of a Walkman, and which will be built by Sony and Motorola, with an intelligent electronic mail network developed by AT&T.

Esat on call

ESAT, the first telephone firm to rival Ireland's state-run monopoly, Telecom Eireann, was launched this week and said it had signed up its first big client.

The privately-owned group, which has a licence only to operate international calls for corporate clients, says it offers savings of up to 25 per cent on Telecom Eireann's rates. Esat has signed up software company ACT Kindle as its first big client. The company is one of Ireland's larger international phone users, spending nearly £100,000 a year.

Dell recall

DELL COMPUTER is recalling around 17,000 computers worldwide. Engineers have discovered that a capacitor on the motherboard of two discontinued models, the 320SLi and the 325SLi, could crack under extreme physical stress.

Should a crack occur, the capacitor may overheat creating a potential safety hazard. Dell is asking owners to phone freephone number 0500 121 001 to arrange for a free modification to be made. The company estimates that the total cost of the repairs may be more than £1 million. Letters are being sent to all registered owners telling them of the recall.

Rising ramp

THE world's longest escalator will open for trial in Hong Kong today as part of a measure to ease road congestion in Hong Kong's plushest districts.

Measuring 2,640 feet, the Hillside Escalator Link runs between the largely expatriate mid-levels district and Hong Kong's banking precinct. Due to space limitations, which prohibit two escalators, the £17 million system will go downhill during the morning rush hours and uphill in the evenings.

The link, which has taken two years to build, has stirred up controversy as local residents criticised the project as pandering to the rich.

HK's LCD TV

A MANUFACTURER in Hong Kong is to launch the world's first liquid crystal display widescreen television capable of generating colour cinemascope pictures.

Developed and manufactured by Kong Wah Holdings, the 40in screen uses specially designed mirrors which let the television operate in both widescreen and conventional modes for cinematic and standard viewing, using rear projection to deliver the widescreen image directly on to the screen. The Kong Wah group is the territory's largest manufacturer of television, audio and telecommunication products.

Chips are down

TEXAS Instruments has introduced a new line of high-powered 486 microchips to be the brains of slimmed-down portable computers.

The Dallas-based semiconductor company, seeking a share of the market dominated by Intel, says its new Potomac 486 chip line will provide more computing power and longer battery life. It will also allow further reductions in the size and weight of portable computers.

Texas Instruments says it plans to launch a new microprocessor called Rio Grande in the first half of 1994 that will have more functions than the Potomac chip and contain more of the company's own design. Intel is considered unassailable in the desktop market but more vulnerable in portable computers.

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Software's just a call away

Apple Computer is trying a new sales pitch

A system enabling computer users in the United States to try out and then buy software by telephone is to be launched next month by Apple Computer. A similar service will become available in Britain early next year.

Using the 24-hour service, computer CD-rom users will be able to buy and install a wide variety of software applications within a few minutes. "Customers want to shop and compare before they buy. Today there isn't a way to test-drive software before you buy it," says Scott Schnell, general manager of Software Dispatch, a new business unit Apple has set up to sell the software.

Mr Schnell says the new system should generate new customers for software by making people aware of products they had no previous way of knowing about.

Software Dispatch will distribute hundreds of thousands of CD-rom discs by mail, free of charge, to computer owners in the United States. The first disc includes more than 80 software packages. Customers get either a "guided tour" of the software or a limited trial.

To buy, customers call a telephone number and pay by credit card. In return, they receive a code that unlocks the software, allowing them to install the application directly from the CD-rom on to their hard disc.

They also get access to an on-line manual about the product. If they want the printed manual, Apple can provide that, either at time of purchase or later.

Software firms featured on the discs will include Symantec, Claris, Computer Associates, Intuit, Lotus and Adobe. Mr Schnell says the company is in negotiations with a number of other software companies, including Microsoft, about offering their products.

Mr Schnell said the software would be competitively priced, but said the company did not need to offer the lowest price available.

Jane Bird on the increasing number of commercial applications for hand-held notepad computers

Notepad on right track for business

If you want to learn how to repair faulty railway signals or damaged points, there is no substitute for being out on the track on a rainy night with high-speed trains whizzing past.

That, at least, is the view of British Rail, where theoretical learning in the lecture room is being phased out.

Since the rail disaster at Clapham and the Hidden Report, which identified serious inadequacies in the BR training scheme, recruits are now trained and assessed alongside the experts while out on the job.

The problem is that railway technicians have to be competent in about a thousand tasks, each of which requires more than 20 procedures to be correctly performed.

When teams are called out, nobody knows what problems they might have to deal with — anything from repairing a level-crossing barrier to identifying which part of a cable has been gnawed by rats. An assessor cannot carry enough paper documentation to cover all possibilities.

Now technology could be coming to the rescue in the form of new electronic notepads — a hand-held device that allows the user to write, tick boxes or draw diagrams on its screen.

Despite manufacturers' claims that such notepads will soon become a mass-market item, it is for specialist uses, such as the BR project, that they will be attractive for the foreseeable future.

Later this month, BR will begin testing these devices for possible use by assessors in monitoring the progress of trainees while out on the tracks. The notepad can store the training and assessment history of each trainee. At the touch of a button, the assessor can see who on the team still needs to demonstrate a particular skill.

Carrying out an assessment should be a simple matter of ticking a series of boxes on the screen listing the skills required — nothing gets left out. Bob Fairbrother, a senior signals and telecommunications engineer at BR and director of the project, says: "It will give us greater accuracy and objectivity while enabling our existing supervisors to keep control of the training programme."

However, he still needs to find out whether the electronic notepad — in this case the Apple Newton — is sufficently waterproof in the rain and can withstand being dropped on the ground.

If it works, the plan is to offer the system to other companies working in safety-critical industries such as offshore oil exploration, mining, aircraft maintenance and British Gas.

The BR project is a joint venture with PA Consulting. PA argues that to criticise these devices for poor handwriting recognition or to question their suitability to replace the Filofax is to miss the point when it comes to specialist uses. The advantage of these devices is that they have the accuracy of a computer with the convenience of pen and paper, says Geoff Vincent, PA's business development director. "Unlike a conventional portable, it fits into a jacket pocket, the batteries last all day, and you can hold it in one hand while writing on the screen with the other."



ADRIAN BROOKS

Bob Fairbrother is one of the first BR training assessors to use an Apple Newton notepad computer to log trainees' performance

One application could be in medicine. Many doctors have begun to introduce administrative desk-top computers in their surgeries, but these are often inflexible and not suitable for recording informal notes on patient progress. Patients sometimes find them off-putting. A group of doctors in southeast Lincolnshire is about to start using electronic notepads during consultations to take notes on patient history, symptoms, examination details and prescriptions. The notes will then be fed into their administative computers while numerical data on the incidence of disease and prescriptions will be extracted and sent to the Lincolnshire Family Health Services Authority to help build up records about illness in the community.

> 'It fits into a pocket, the batteries last all day, and you can hold it in one hand'

This will help plan hospital resources much more accurately, says Dr John Simpson, consultant in public health medicine for the authority. "The health service has quite good data on illness referred to hospitals", he says, "but very little on how many people in the area are suffering from sicknesses such as asthma, heart disease, osteoarthritis, dementia, cancers and diabetes."

The use of electronic notepads could help to spot whether there is a particularly high incidence of specific diseases in one area, Dr Simpson says. The Lincolnshire doctors are already learning to tidy up their handwriting. "The crucial thing is to ensure that each GP makes sure nobody else uses the machine," Dr Simpson says. "Handwriting recognition works much better with only one user."

Electronic notepads could also be useful for taking on house calls. And a particularly popular feature of the devices has been the ability to draw diagrams on them — GPs often sketch body maps to show the extent of an illness.

They may also be helpful in monitoring the progress of drug trials — data on patient reactions can be fed directly back to manufacturers, thereby speeding up the development cycle and reducing the possibility of error. Among companies evaluating this application is Astra, a Swedish pharmaceuticals multi-national.

Mike Mitchell, the director of clinical research for the Astra Clinical Research Unit in Edinburgh, says: "We see a huge potential for these devices in drug trials and routine clinical practice because of the fact that they don't need a keyboard." But he believes handwriting recognition needs to become more reliable before it takes off.

Notepad technology is rapidly changing, with developments from the mobile phone industry and from computing. "There won't ultimately be just one electronic notepad," says Mr Vincent. "As with vehicles, there'll be the equivalent of a family saloon, sports car or truck, depending on what you need to do with it."

Spain has violent reaction

Firms go into combat over new video game

The Spanish distributor of a video game that depicts gruesome violence has dropped the product to avoid controversy.

Mortal Kombat is a video game in which player-controlled figures decapitate enemies or rip out their pumping hearts has sparked complaints from parents, educators and consumer groups in Britain and the United States, who say it glorifies violence and is a bad influence on players, most of them children.

Although Mortal Kombat's American manufacturer, Acclaim Entertainment, edited cartridges sold in Europe to block the game's most violent levels of play, players soon discovered computer coding to circumvent the censorship, says Alfonso de Claver, a spokesman for Sega España, the game's Spanish distributor.

Worried that this could eventually lead to complaints in Spain similar to those reported elsewhere, Sega España did not restock stores after the first 30,000 units sold out following Mortal Kombat's launch last month. Acclaim Entertainment is reportedly seeking another Spanish distributor.

Many video games, including Mortal Kombat, are manufactured by third party companies for use with consoles made by Sega and Nintendo. In turn, Sega and Nintendo often collaborate in marketing the games.

Critics claim that some video games promote violence and divert children from more productive or educational activities. Because the games are interactive, the critics say that they inculcate violence as a legitimate means of expression at an early age. "If children are encouraged to think that violence is a game for them to participate in, it shows a very decadent set of values," said Peter Smith, of the Association of Teachers and Lecturers. Despite such concerns, world sales of video games last year topped £3 billion and are expected to grow.

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Pay slips but no cause for alarm

Salaries in some industries and regions are falling, says David Guest

Salaries for computer programmers and analysts seem to be falling in some industries and regions as the economy takes another bite at what was once seen as a recession-proof career. The Reward Group's latest salary survey shows that average pay for computer managers, analyst-programmers and programmers rose slightly in the year to September. But these averages conceal declines in a number of industry sectors and geographical regions.

The figures may be distorted by any one of a number of factors — younger, less experienced staff moving up into a new category, for example, or new companies responding to the survey.

Overall, analyst programmers' pay has risen by 2.5 per cent during the past year, compared with 4.1 per cent in the year to September 1992. Up to September 1993, programmers won an average rise of almost 4 per cent.

In the past six months, however, the median basic pay of an analyst programmer working in distribution has been cut by almost 6 per cent and in the survey's category of "other manufacturing industry" — most of manufacturing apart from chemicals and man-made fibres — the slump has neared 9 per cent.

Distribution has also been a poor sector for programmers. The survey shows a 17.7 per cent cut in median basic pay for coders in this industry while programmers' pay also shows a decline under mechanical engineering employers.

But Steve Flather, managing director of the Reward Group, says the figures should not set too many alarm bells ringing. "I'm unaware of any significant pay cuts taking place in computing," he says. "On a small scale, some organisations are introducing profit-related pay schemes, in which basic pay may be cut but bonuses make up the difference".

Mr Flather also points out that the survey is a "snapshot" of a particular point in time. "I suspect that what you are seeing is a relatively static picture in terms of overall increases, where only small changes to the sample might give the impression of reductions."

The survey shows up regional trends. For analyst-programmers, London is the only one of nine regions surveyed in which wages fell, and there by only 1.1 per cent. For programmers, though, the past six months have seen falls in London, East Anglia, the South West and the West Midlands.

There are signs, too, that big companies are putting the squeeze on software development staff. Analyst-programmers working for companies with turnover between £50 million and £500 million may have had their salaries cut by between 0.3 and 5.7 per cent.

For programmers, the company-size factor is less clear-cut. Average salaries of programmers in companies at both ends of the scale — up to £3 million and above £500 million — slipped back.

The best pay prospects for programmers are in companies with more than 10,000 employees, preferably in London, and in the chemicals or construction business. These are the categories in which salaries are highest: the peak is given as £19,364.

This particular survey covers only full-time, salaried staff. Contractors have become used, over the past two years, to a squeeze on rates and length of contracts, but indications are that their prospects are improving. National agencies such as Systems Resources say that companies in the South and Midlands in particular are showing signs of returning confidence, expressed in a readiness to take on more contract staff. The North is following at a slightly slower rate.

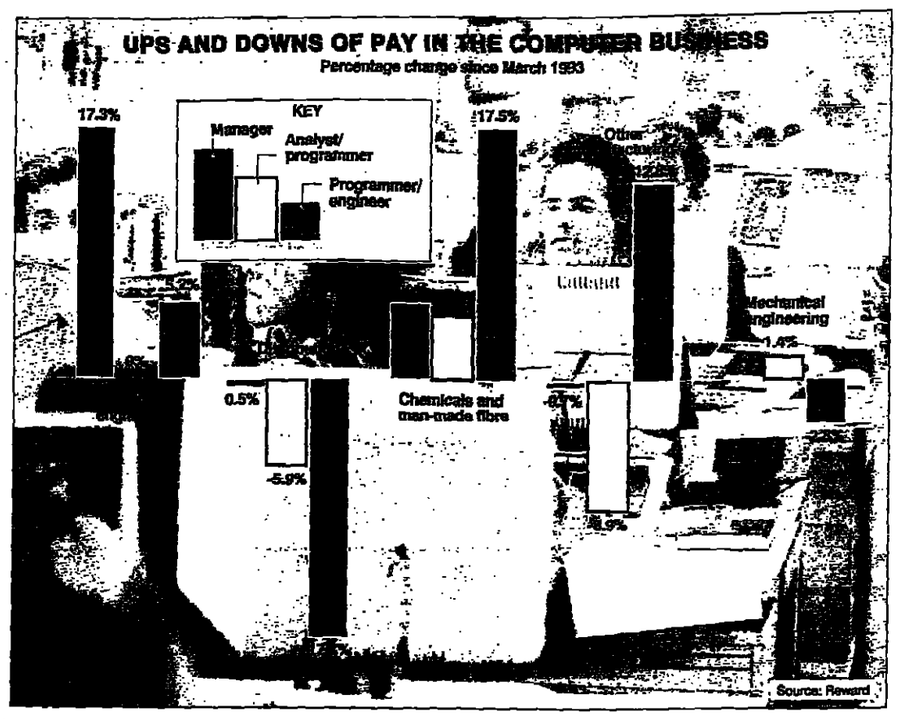
For computer managers, the picture is slightly brighter. Their overall salary increase to September 1993 was 5.7 per cent, moving up from the previous year's 3.9 per cent. Managers may be making anything from £23,971 to £45,713 according to the Reward survey.

For a computer manager, the best industry to be in over the past six months for the chance of a pay rise has been electronic engineering (17.3 per cent). The best region was the South West, at 15.1 per cent. In London, the computer managers' salary has been almost static with an increase on median basic salary of just 0.65 per cent.

A further boost for computer professionals at the managerial end of the ladder came in last month's most recent analysis of advertised vacancies, from the consultancy MSL.

Its research showed the number of computer managers' and senior information technology professionals' jobs advertised in the national papers rising to 141 in July, compared with 91 last year. For the year to the end of July, 866 jobs were advertised, which is a rise of 266 on the corresponding period of the previous year.

This recovery in the job market, which should help to promote a rise in salaries, may be percolating through to more junior levels. The Computing Services Association's latest quarterly survey found that IT staff numbers were rising more quickly than at any time since 1990.



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VISUAL ART: One of Britain's most influential 20th-century painters celebrated; plus art market news

Another version of reality

Richard Cork reviews the paintings of Ben Nicholson, who is now the subject of a major retrospective show at the Tate

In view of the tough-minded assurance he displayed later in his career, Ben Nicholson's early hesitancy seems all the more mysterious. In 1910 he studied at the Slade School of Art with Bomberg, Nash, Spencer and other adventurous painters who gained precocious reputations before the first world war. But Nicholson stayed there for only a year, and spent most of his time playing billiards at the nearby Gower Hotel. Although his fascination with the movement of coloured balls on a flat surface would feed Nicholson's mature work, he remained oddly unsure of himself for the next decade.

These difficult years are barely represented in the Tate Gallery's retrospective. It starts with a small, enigmatic still-life of a blue bowl in shadow. We peer into the penumbral canvas, noting its prophetic simplification of form but wondering, too, at its timidity. Nicholson's reliance on a subject favoured by his father, William, a polished painter whose worldly success would eventually be crowned by a knighthood, suggests that paternal influence stifled the son for a while.

> 'A supposed classicist often looks incurably romantic'

His father's poise may well have inhibited the shy and asthmatic young man. There was certainly a rivalrous tension in their relationship, and William told Ben in 1914 that his pictures "frightened me a good deal, they were so abnormal and they seemed to me the work of an untrained eye". Nicholson's reaction to this crushing letter is not recorded. But he probably resented his father's lofty disapproval, and another extraordinary source of friction is revealed in Norbert Lynton's illuminating and superbly illustrated new monograph on the painter (Phaidon, £69.95).

During the first world war, Nicholson was engaged to the painter Edith Stuart-Wortley, six years his senior. But his mother died in 1918, and within a year Edith had married William instead. Nicholson might have been wounded by her transferral of love from son to father.

At all events, Nicholson finally realised that he had to develop a vision of his own. While continuing to admire his father's subtlety as a still-life and landscape painter, he spent the 1920s withdrawing from the oppressive paternal orbit. Marriage to Winifred Roberts fortified his resolve, for she was fast becoming an accomplished painter and taught the linear Nicholson to embrace colour.

Suddenly, during a stay in Lugano, he produced his first painting of real distinction. Based on a view of Cortivallo under snow, it looks at first unfinished. The building at the centre is realised with care, and its orange walls are juxtaposed with a brilliant white wall behind. But the nearby hills seem sparingly summarised, while the branches of the foreground tree are incised in the sky's thinly brushed pigment.

All over this sensitively considered picture, Nicholson claims the right to move from fully defined areas to passages of near-abstraction. Several different ways of looking co-exist within the image, but the outcome is quite coherent. Memories of Cézanne's Mont Sainte-Victoire merge with a limpid homage to Piero, whose work Nicholson had recently studied on his Italian travels. But the Cortivallo picture looks forward as well as back, announcing a love of bleached understatement that anticipates his most extreme work.

Because Nicholson is renowned above all for these purged white reliefs from the mid-1930s, he is often regarded in Britain as the most thorough-going modernist painter of his generation. This exhibition, lucidly organised by Jeremy Lewison, reveals him as a far more complex artist. The supposed arch-classicist often looks like an incurable romantic, above all in the late 1920s when his chance discovery of the St Ives "primitive" Alfred Wallis encouraged him to become openly lyrical.

The loosely brushed, vaporous painting of Porthmeor Beach is a visionary work. A Wallis-like sailing ship bucks on the spume of a sea which fuses with the land as if in a hazy dream. Nicholson is here at his most poetic, and his later espousal of geometric abstraction never succeeded in ousting this romantic undertow from his work.

Living now with Barbara Hepworth, who would become his second wife, he moved towards a greater severity. If Winifred Nicholson had helped him develop his awareness of colour, Hepworth quickened his sense of form. In *1932 (guitar)* he scratched graffiti-like lines with startling vigour right across the surface. The result intrigued him so much that he began exploring the possibility of carving as well as painting his pictures, building them up in a sequence of shallow, overlapping planes in relief.



Ben Nicholson's *November 11-47 (Mousehole)*, 1947: even in his landscapes, Nicholson enjoyed playing sophisticated games with line and pattern on their surfaces

An encounter with Mondrian's art confirmed Nicholson's newfound appetite for absolute austerity. But his playfulness would not go away. A love of anarchic line often erupts in his paintings.

The most revealing wall in the show is given over largely to Nicholson at his most minimal. But among the extreme assertions of stripped purity, a *Still life — Greek landscape* returns to a far more richly textured and figurative idiom. Much indebted to Cubism, this elaborate painting contains clear references to domestic utensils grouped on a table. The arduous scraping of a razor-blade plays a forceful role here, creating a pitted surface utterly opposed to the smoothness of the abstract reliefs.

Nicholson was a far less singleminded artist than his avant-garde reputation in the 1930s might suggest. However much he argued that advanced art should liberate itself from representational concerns, his work shows just how catholic he remained. Even a white relief as pared-down as *October 2 1934* is subtitled *triplets*, implying that its circles and rectangles referred to the three children Hepworth unexpectedly bore him in this very month.

And for all his extremism, Nicholson never relinquished his fascination with the world of appearances. Around 1935 he delighted in making a precise, elegant pencil study of the decorative ironwork, shutters and buildings framed by the window of his Paris hotel. However exquisite his abstract reliefs became, they could not satisfy Nicholson's abiding urge to define, like his father before him, the household objects and landscapes he cherished.

After the second world war destroyed his hopes of nurturing an international circle of modernist artists in London, Nicholson retreated with Hepworth to St Ives. His love of these new surroundings meant that still-life and landscape are repeatedly merged in the 1940s paintings. This interior world flows into the countryside beyond the ever-open window.

The pictures' overall flatness is retained, and Nicholson enjoys playing sophisticated games with line and pattern on their surfaces. But recession is conveyed as well, often leading the eye past trees, fields and cottages towards a harbour at Mousehole where fishing vessels float as innocently as toy boats in a child's bath.

Nicholson must have seen St Ives as a haven during the war years. Untouched by the German invader or the machine age, it sometimes seems in danger of making his art too cosy. All the same, Cornwall taught him never to relinquish his hold on observable reality again. In 1949 he produced two unusually large works — one a curved abstract panel for the New Zealand steamship *Rangitane*, and the other a magisterial still-life subtitled *poisonous yellow*. The latter work is infinitely superior to the former. Overblown and vapid, *Rangitane* looks inert compared with the pungency of the acid colours he deploys in the still-life.

During the 1950s, Nicholson must have realised that he needed to retain his involvement with objects. Working now on a grander scale, he combined the structural rigour of his abstract period with a sensuous grasp of table-tops filled with the jugs, beakers and bowls he had always savoured. Astringency is allied with palpable warmth in the finest of these canvases. Their confidence is impressive, and something was lost when he pursued a more austere path in his final years. The vital tension between the urge to depict, and the need to emancipate art from representation, is missing. We are left in the last room with a glacial essence, faultlessly refined yet lacking the complexity which nourishes his most outstanding work.

● Ben Nicholson *is at the Tate Gallery, Millbank London SW1 (071-887 8000), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, until Jan 9. More Nicholsons are at the Bernard Jacobson Gallery, 14a Clifford Street, London W1 (071-495 8575), Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 11am-5pm, to Nov 6*

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WE HAVE all just spent £315,000 on a table. It is, admittedly, no ordinary table. A lavish library table, it was commissioned in 1778 to enhance the elegant Denton Hall in Yorkshire, along with furniture by Thomas Chippendale. In order to enjoy use of the new purchase, the public will have to go to the Judge's Lodgings Museum in Lancaster, which has bought it from the original owner's great-great-great-grandson. Half the cost came from the National Heritage Memorial Fund, £72,000 from the V&A purchase grant fund and £50,000 from the National Art Collections Fund.

● THERE is great excitement that Lord Elgin is to lecture at Sotheby's in December on the subject of the Parthenon Marbles. Could it be that the descendant of Britain's most controversial collector is going to tackle the moral issues of removing the Marbles?

Not a bit. Lord Elgin tells me that he plans to run through a series of "quirky" anecdotes on what it was like "to live with the Elgin Marbles". I fear that the newly reappointed Greek culture minister, Melina Mercouri, will not be amused.

Hardly Wilde

WILL Oscar Wilde ever be allowed to rest in peace? Christie's are promoting a cache of letters to the Irish poet and playwright Philip M. Griffiths. According to the auctioneers they "reveal the close, and previously unknown, relationship".

In fact the contents are quite tame. Wilde sent Griffiths a photograph of himself. "In return you are to send me one of yourself, which I will keep as a memory of a charming meeting and golden hours passed together," the letter reads. Not exactly lurid stuff.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

OPERA: An entertaining Rossini staging makes a sparkling return to the Coliseum; but Wagner lacks passion in a South Bank concert performance

Doctor ensures a healthy revival

The Barber of Seville
Coliseum

Rossini's *Barber of Seville* is one of those operas that has to look effortless or it all gets beyond being merely silly. I am happy to report that, in this restaging by Henry B. Little and John Abulafia, Jonathan Miller's six-year old filly of a production still gallops friskily along. And firmly planted in the jockey's seat is Andrew Shore, a Doctor Bartolo whose every reaction, every expression with face or body, every line in what is a brilliant translation by Amanda and Anthony Holden, helps the work leap over every hurdle.

Ray Cooney will tell you that farce depends on split-second timing, and Shore's timing seems impeccable. Even when he does not sing he is never for a moment inactive. The number that stands out most is that huge sonata-aria in Act 1, where he vents his spleen against Rosina and in the process completely loses his dignity. Half of this music he sings while being strangled, anchored by his medallion to the innards of a harpsichord. Not good for his previously indelicately mentioned hernia. This was a nice gag brilliantly executed; heavens, we even felt some sympathy for the pompous, possessive old fool.

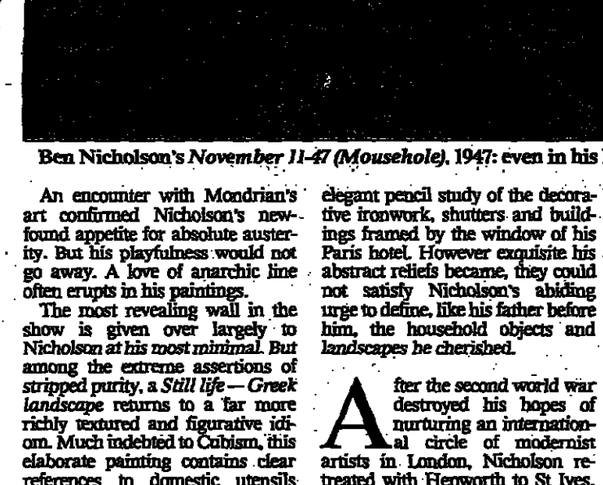
Shore's colleagues in this refreshingly straightforward looking staging — classic interiors and exteriors and 18th-century costumes (by Tanya McCallin) whose only concession to absurdity is Don Basilio's enormous hat — cannot command the stage quite as he does. That, one hastens to add, is Rossini's fault and intention, not theirs.

There are nevertheless some excellent performances. Paul Nilon's Almaviva, lithe of tone as all ardent young lovers should be, nearly steals one scene in the guise of Don Alonso the music teacher, kicking a leg affectedly in the air at the end of each phrase before covertly seizing the odd grope with his precious Rosina under Bartolo's nose. Alan Opie's Figaro is a genial schemer, while Richard van Allen's grave-voiced Basilio, who seems to possess the physical proportions of a Giacometti statue, purveys an irresistible line in hollow-cheeked, hypocritical meanness.

The ladies get a rough deal numerically in this opera, but at least that means there are no rivals for Rosina, who is wily, not just a powerless victim of her guardian. Louise Winter seizes her chance well with some lovely — and characterful — singing of this role. Her coloratura elaborations seem effortless, as indeed do those of the rest of this vocally agile cast. Sylvia Mitton, the only other female on the stage, makes a slightly nervous house debut as Berta the housekeeper; but she shows plenty of promise. James Holmes conducts an orchestral performance that sizzles from start to finish.

STEPHEN PETTITT

DONALD COOPER



Still sprightly: Jonathan Miller's six-year old *Barber of Seville*

Too many obstacles to true love

Tristan und Isolde
Festival Hall

Wagner opera in the concert hall is an enterprise fraught with difficulties. As Wagner himself well knew, the effect of a flood of orchestral sound washing over an audience in a darkened auditorium transfixed by a stage spectacle can be positively narcotic. To sacrifice that spectacle, putting singers and players under harsh concert-hall lighting, is to shatter the illusion on which the Wagnerian *Gesamtkunstwerk* rests. Intoxication inevitably gives way to critical scrutiny.

Wednesday night's concert performance of *Tristan und Isolde* by the London Philharmonic under Franz Welser-Möst at the Festival Hall therefore had the odds stacked against it. It would be pleasant to be able to report that the difficulties had been triumphantly surmounted and that Welser-Möst had at last confounded his critics. Alas, such a scenario would be little more than a copywriter's fantasy.

The chief problem, however, was not the singers or the players, but the conducting. Welser-Möst's tempos were not only ill-chosen in themselves — the love duet music of Act II had no still centre and the melting modulations of Brangäne's Watchsong hurtled by — but failed to cohere into a structural whole. Tempo should change in Wagner not for the sake of variety but to reflect the shifting emotions. In Act I, Isolde's outrage, the rumblings of foreboding and the moments of resignation all sounded as one. Without that differentiation it was hardly surprising that rarely a bar was charged with the gravity, let alone the sublimity, that the music demands.

Welser-Möst's failure to provide that "elemental groundswell" (said to have been generated by Wagner's disciple Anton Seidl) gave little encouragement to his soloists. Elizabeth Connell's Isolde was eloquent in the restrained early stages of Act II, but less successful in projecting, for example, the character's scornful mimicry of Tristan in the first act before the love potion has worked its magic. Heinz Kruse has now completed his transformation from character tenor to Heldentenor, and although his is a voice that perhaps lacks the full weight and metal traditionally associated with Wagner, there is much to admire. Kruse shows sensitivity to the shape of lines and made not an unpleasant sound the whole evening.

Della Jones and David Wilson-Johnson as Brangäne and Kurwenal both had more success in imposing an individual interpretation on the banal orchestral background (well enough played by the London Philharmonic, except for a number of fudged entries). Curt Appelgren was a sympathetic Marke, Robin Leggate the Melot, Ian Bostridge the Young Sailor and Shepherd, and Peter Snipp the Steersman.

In the closing stages of the opera, Connell found the spark of inspiration previous lacking. Her radiant "Liebestod" lifted the performance to a new level: a hint of what might have been.

BARRY MILLINGTON

● *Franz Welser-Möst conducts a further performance of* Tristan und Isolde *tomorrow at 5pm in the Festival Hall (071-928 8800), London SE1*

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

BILLY SMART'S CIRCUS: Back again after 21 years off the road, the acrobats and clowns play a three-week season before their national tour next year. Horses and dogs are the only animals on show
Old Deer Park, Kew Road, Richmond (081-332 2323). Opens today, 6pm. Then Mon 8pm; Tue-Fri 4.45pm, 8pm, Sat 3pm, 8pm; Sun 11am, 3pm.

MITRIDATE: Luba Organosova makes her house debut this evening in a revival of Graham Vick's powerful and stylish production. Paul Daniel conducts; many of the original cast return, including Lillian Watson, Ann Murray, Jochen Kowalski and Bruce Ford.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). 7pm.

SWEENEY TODD: Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Starring Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm. Last week of performances

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: The artist's British connections are the focus of a major exhibition, **Canaletto and England**. The show also inaugurates the Gas Hall, a recently acquired annex to the City Museum and Art Gallery.
Gas Hall, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery, Chamberlain Square (021-235 9944). Daily, 10am-6pm. Until Jan 9.

EDINBURGH: Last chance to see Neil Simon's classic comedy **The Sunshine Boys**, a story of two celebrated comedians who, when reunited, find they still can't stand each other. Starring Jimmy Logan and Bob Cartland.
Royal Lyceum, Grindlay Street (031 229 9697). Tonight and Saturday, 7.45pm, mat Sat 3.15pm.

LEICESTER: Japanese Kabuki style meets Broadway glitz in Sondheim's **Pacific Overtures**. Directed by Paul Kerryson with splendid sets and 100 costumes. Cast includes Nicola Carty, Russell Dixon, Peter Edbrook and Michael Strassen.
Haymarket, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797). Previews tonight, Sat and Mon, 7.30pm; Mat Sat, 3pm. Opens Oct 19, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **CAROUSEL:** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein musical extravaganza.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS:** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit, set in L.A. and the world of the private eye movie.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

☐ **FOREVER PLAID:** Genial and witty performed American show paying homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Thurs, 8pm. Fri, Sat 8.30pm, mats Fri, Sat, 6pm.

☐ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm.

■ **MACHINAL:** Opening night for Stephen Daldry's second production here. American Sophie Treadwell's expressionist drama from 1928. Fiona Shaw plays a woman battling against the pressure of a mechanistic age.
National Theatre (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7pm. Sat, 2.15 and 7.30pm.

☐ **MEDEA:** Diana Rigg returns to the West End in Euripedes's tragedy of a woman's revenge. Jonathan Kent directs.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Tonight, 8pm, Sat 5.30, 8.30pm. Opens Oct 19, 7.30pm

☐ ***MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING:*** Final performances for this production of Shakespeare on Shaftesbury Avenue
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Tonight and Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

◪ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. David Suchet and Lia Williams star in Pinter's production of Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **PICKWICK:** Harry Secombe belts out "If I Ruled the World" as boldly as he sang it 30 years ago. Good-hearted and bouncy. See review, right.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm

◪ **SEPARATE TABLES:** Peter Bowles and Patricia Hodge in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins

☐ **TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA:** David Thacker's delightful Stratford production, with music from the Gershwin era.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Fri, Sat, 7.15pm; Sat 2pm

☐ **VITA AND VIRGINIA:** Eileen Atkins' play based on Virginia Woolf's crush on Vita Sackville-West, with herself and Penelope Wilton.
Ambassadors, West St, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 2.30pm and Sat, Sun 3.30pm.

◪ **WALLENSTEIN:** Schiller's mighty drama about power's capacity to corrupt. Ken Bones plays the great general; Tim Albery directs.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight and Sat, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ◪ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ☐ **It runs in the Family:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) ... ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat:** Palladium (071-494 5037) ... ■ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ■ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi Theatre (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman In Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238).

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **RISING SUN** (18): Murder at a Japanese conglomerate's LA headquarters. Botched if handsome adaptation of Michael Crichton's book. With Wesley Snipes and Sean Connery; Philip Kaufman directs
Electric (071-792 2020) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332).

◆ **THE SECRET GARDEN** (U): Polished version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic: a confident mainstream debut for director Agnieszka Holland. With Kate Maberly and Maggie Smith
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THREE COLOURS: BLUE (15): Brilliantly shot but chilly first instalment of Kieslowski's trilogy. Juliette Binoche as a composer's widow trying to start from zero.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742/3743) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

TRUE ROMANCE (18): Lovers on the run with a suitcase of cocaine. Smart lines, a strong cast, but excessively noisy, violent and empty. Tony Scott directs Christian Slater and Patricia Arquette.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Haymarket** (0426 915 353) **Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones; director, Andrew Davis.
MGMs: Baker Street (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

HARD BOILED (18): Stylised, tedious action showpiece from cult Hong Kong director John Woo, with Chow Yun-Fat as a cop chasing gun-runners
Everyman (071-435 1525) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Panton Street** (071-930 0631) **Plaza** (071-497 9999)

THE KILLER (18): John Woo's superior crime melodrama of 1989, drenched in blood and tears. Chow Yun-Fat stars as a disaffected hit-man.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181)

RAINING STONES (15): Wonderful slice of life on a Catholic council estate. Director Ken Loach blends biting humour and raw pain. Endearing performances from local talent, including Bruces Jones and Julie Brown.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914666) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG): Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy. Writer-director Nora Ephron.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426 915574) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

THIS BOY'S LIFE (15): Tyrant stepfather Robert De Niro makes an adolescent's life hell. Uneven version of Tobias Wolff's memoir with Leonard DiCaprio and Ellen Barkin. Michael Caton-Jones directs.
MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on Mike Leigh's new play; plus the return of *Pickwick*

East End sagas, old and new

It's a Great Big Shame
Theatre Royal, E15

ALMOST everything seems to be 19th century in Stratford-atte-Bowe. Not only has the shabby old Theatre Royal been patched, painted and restored to its red-and-gold splendour. It is opening its autumn season with a piece of imitation Victoriana forged by a most unexpected craftsman. Who would have thought that Mike Leigh, pioneer of the improvised play, would come up with this curious mix of period documentary, social comedy, music hall and Grand Guignol?

True, *It's a Great Big Shame* falls into two parts, the second of which occurs in 1993. But the longer, solider first act is set in the East End a century earlier, and was, I am assured, created in Leigh's usual way. In the past that has meant getting his performers to think and feel themselves so thoroughly into the skins of the people they were playing that, even before the script was improvised in rehearsal, they were able to dress, talk, walk, and even go shopping "in character".

So if the supermarkets of Stratford have recently been packed with ghostly-looking figures asking for sheeps' heads and other Victorian ingredients, the explanation is clear. They were only actors, preparing to do their stuff at the recycled Royal.

Leigh's plays have sometimes been accused of being static, and, perhaps because the actors do so much of the work, have usually proved stronger at exploring character than at putting character into action. But there is movement and plot enough here.

The first act comes in short, sharp scenes, whisking us from street to shop, from brewery yard to pub to the tiny terrace house where the evening's main business reaches a gory climax. Not to beat about the bush, a big, dim drayman called Jim Short (Paul Trussell) is left cannibalising the remnants of the tiny, nagging wife (Wendy Nottingham) who has made him scrub the floor, wash the windows and do all the other unmanly things commemorated in the old Cockney song, "It's a Great Big Shame".



MARILYN KINGWILL

Two tales of one house: Michele Austin and Clint Dyer in Leigh's *It's a Great Big Shame* at Stratford East

The finished play has its weaknesses, not least that it feels unfinished. Jim's transformation from an affable dullard into a crazed strangler seems undermotivated. Why should a few extra household tasks leave him behaving like a torture victim who has been subjected to weeks of sleep deprivation?

Then again, the piece could be more focused. Why bring on Jim's young employer ("just down from Awxford") and why give him a mad cellist for a fiancée if they both promptly disappear from the action? Leigh has sometimes before travestied the nob classes, but never so untidily.

Anyway, the play's second part timewarps us over the decades to what turns out to be Jim and Ada's old house, tarted up during the housing boom. It is now occupied by a black couple enduring spookily similar strains. Dumpy, depressed Joy (Michele Austin) nags away at wispy, piping Randall (Clint Dyer), while Joy's sister (Marianne Jean-Baptiste) deals with her own insecurities in a way that will be familiar to every Mike Leigh fan: by making everybody else feel failed.

So far, so good: but then events spiral too quickly and implausibly to the evening's second disaster. Marriage is a murderous business, at least when women are insensitive to men's feelings; or such is Leigh's unfashionably and perhaps inadvertently conservative message.

Don't be too put off, though. The play has many nice, observant moments, especially in Act I. Bossy Ada's proposal to passive Jim ("Wanna get wed, then?" "What, you and me?" "Of course." "Awright.") is hilariously done. Above all, Kathy Burke contributes a wonderful portrait of an androgynous urchin earnestly surviving both Victorian London and her own hapless adoration of Jim. Her relevance to the plot may be slight; but she is touching and funny, a Leigh creation to treasure.

Name in the papers

Pickwick
Sadler's Wells

WITH Harry Secombe in the title role, *Pickwick* is a musical with some class. Gillian Lynne's choreography has a Dickensian ball looking almost balletic. Poppy Mitchell's period costumes — a sea of bonnets, frilly bloomers and frock coats — are lavish without being loud. Her set, a façade of red brick with relics of neoclassical stucco like a street in a Hogarth print, would not be out of place at the Coliseum.

And the director, Patrick Garland, adds a nice touch. Before the play starts, the cast hawk their wares around the auditorium. If you have a shilling you could come away with a bunch of watercress and a caged rat.

Unfortunately, Cyril Ornadel's score is not of an especially high calibre. There are several catchy tunes, but they exploit stock ingredients without much inventive flair. Leslie Bricusse's lyrics hit on some witty lines, but the fast-talking frequently required and the irregular volume-settings of the singers' microphones mean words can get swallowed in the cavernous auditorium.

The evening has its quota of sentimentality and unsophisticated humour. But what mainly pulls the production down is the re-structuring Dickens's story has undergone: trying to give space to multiple characters leaves the plot feeling episodically bitty.

There are some delightful performances, however. Michael Howe (Jingle) is a terrifically dapper rotter holding forth about his international sexual escapades in telegraphic English punctuated with absurd yet snappy flamenco moves — a man whose castanets are clearly never at quiet. David Cardy (Sam) is overflowing with naughty exuberance. By contrast, Crispin Harris is hilariously sluggish as Joe, the narcoleptic servant who falls asleep standing up.

Secombe himself is, thankfully, a far cry from the average big name in a musical. On one hand, his tenor voice can swell to near operatic proportions. On the other, he is charmingly self-effacing, almost bashful (though thoroughly enjoying himself gooning around singing through a toothbrush) and obviously working in affectionate, comically creative collaboration with the rest of the cast.

The song-and-dance numbers do halt the flow of the action. Moreover, the interminable case for the prosecution at Pickwick's trial had me almost narcoleptic myself. Nevertheless, such shortcomings do not nullify the evening's highly entertaining moments.

KATE BASSETT

ENTERTAINMENTS

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ROCK ON FRIDAY: Life after grunge for Pearl Jam ... life after art for Cocteau Twins ... past life for Uncle Tupelo

Why they're sleepless in Seattle

NEW ALBUMS: **David Sinclair** on Pearl Jam's second stirring portrayal of the fears and furies of everyday life



Pearl Jam, (from left) Dave Abbruzzese, Mike McCready, Stone Gossard, Jeff Ament and Eddie Vedder, follow a huge debut album with something just as good

PEARL JAM
Vs
(Epic 474549)
IT CAN'T be easy trying to recreate the peculiar magic of a debut album that has sold seven million copies, and there have been worrying bouts of prevarication over the Seattle band Pearl Jam's long-awaited follow-up to *Ten*.

The new album's release date has been pushed back and its working title changed several times, with the result that the initial pressing bears no title at all on either cover artwork or disc (later print runs will have *Vs*, as in "versus", inserted on the spine).

This hint of an identity crisis actually chimes rather well with Eddie Vedder's strangely disjointed lyrics, which explore the thoughts and feelings of a cast of disturbed characters in sometimes chilling detail. With a voice that stretches from a quiet, mournful quiver to a deranged shriek, he manages to evoke an image of a man about to hurl himself over the precipice, while maintaining a steely grip on the mechanics of the job in hand.

It is this "psychological" dimension to his performances that lifts Vedder above the legions of Robert Plant wannabes. Similarly, the group's obvious infatuation with Led Zeppelin is tempered by a strong sense of adventure and an instinctive recognition of the most obvious pitfalls in venturing down such a well-trodden path. The galloping guitar riffs of "Go", "Animal" and "Blood" are tempered by odd twists and quirks, while some of the best motifs — as on "Glorified G" and the sad "Dissident" — stand in a class of their own.

If *Vs* does not replicate or dilute the sound of *Ten*, then neither does it surpass it. But, having found time in the midst of a punishing schedule to write some cracking new songs and then to fiddle about with them until they got them right, perhaps Pearl Jam's greatest achievement in the past two years is to have kept their nerve.

THE LEMONHEADS
Come On Feel The Lemonheads
(Atlantic 7567-82537)
DESPITE much loose talk of druggy derring-do in recent interviews, Evan Dando's songwriting has retained the sunny disposition that made *It's A Shame About Ray*, last year's breakthrough album, such an oasis of gentle charm in the post-grunge circus of horrors.

Continuing in much the same vein, *Come On Feel The Lemonheads* is stuffed with three-minute punk-pop tunes and acoustic pseudo-country ballads. Among those contributing harmony vocals are Juliana Hatfield and Belinda Carlisle, but it is Dando's winning voice that is very much the dominant feature, an endearingly relaxed drawl leavening the romantic whimsy of his lyrics with a dash of something tougher underneath.

Never angry and only occasionally heavy — as on the untypically neurotic "Rick James Style" — this is an album with a simple, unaffected appeal, a rare treasure in these troubled times. Hey, it's suddenly cool to be carefree.

CROWDED HOUSE
Together Alone
(Capitol CDESTU 2215)
ALTHOUGH located on the other side of the world — this album was recorded in a remote beach house in their native New Zealand — Crowded House come from the same gene pool of bloke-ish musicians as London's Squeeze.

With no image, no frills, no artifice and no nonsense to distract from the fruits of their honest craft and graft, all effort is focused on the lustre of the musicianship and the quality of the songs. These are sophisticated, tightly scripted affairs that echo the intelligent pop sensibility bequeathed to modern music by Lennon and McCartney.

Together Alone abounds with rich and colourful dynamics sufficient to win over all but the most sceptical of listeners. Ranging from the buzzy rock 'n' roll of "Black & White Boy" to the elegiac, otherworldly cadences of "Fingers Of Love", this latest batch of songs from the pen of leader and singer Neil Finn capture a pleasing diversity of moods, along with a small but perceptible quota of stodge.

Someone has done a brilliant job of sequencing the 13 tracks, each of which seems perfectly to complement the one before it, and the cumulative effect is significantly more impressive than the sum of the parts would suggest.

THE WONDER STUFF
Construction For The Modern Idiot
(Polydor 519894)
WHILE continuing to mature in leaps and bounds, the Wonder Stuff remain a strident antidote to practitioners of adult rock everywhere. The cover of their fourth album is illustrated with a photograph of schoolboys, and bustling songs like "Cabin Fever" and "Your Big-Assed Mother" are peopled with useless parents, cynical politicians and other roundly despised authority figures.

However, the spiteful tone that has marred singer Miles Hunt's lyrics (and sleeve notes) in the past is now either contained or else transformed into seething anger and directed against a proper target as on "I Wish Them All Dead", a volcanic outburst condemning the activities of a conspicuously vile paedophile ring in San Francisco.

An energetic amalgam of alternative rock, pop and folk, with an occasional brass section added for good measure, this is a brash, confident album that romps home, late for tea, with much noisy glee. There are precious few English groups of the Wonder Stuff's vintage (mid-1980s), which have turned out to have legs, making the success and abundant vitality of *Modern Idiot* all the more welcome.

1 Everything Changes ..... Take That (RCA)
2 Vs ..... Pearl Jam (Epic)
3 Together Alone ..... Crowded House (Capitol)
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6 Come On Feel The Lemonheads ..... Lemonheads (Atlantic)
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10 Real ..... Belinda Carlisle (Offside)

Compiled by MRIB

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing

Most of us have forgotten the month in which this year's *1970s* revival took place. This should not deter us from revisiting the rerun in order to plug a few gaps. Country rock, as played in its original form by young urban rebels sadly ignorant of the esoteric delights of cow punching or lasso twirling, was neglected in the rush to invest 1970s tack and glamour with cultural significance.

Uncle Tupelo capture enough of that dustblown, lonesome prairie sound to wake the ghost of Gram Parsons, the doyen of country rock and a tragic success at living fast and dying young.

Parsons, working with the Byrds and the Flying Burrito Brothers, launched the country rock movement during a period when American traditions were reviled. After his death, Emmylou Harris, Neil Young and the Eagles built upon these innovations to create a music that has been diluted over two decades to levels even a homeopath would regard as weak.

A trio from Belleville, Illinois, Uncle Tupelo stake their claim to authenticity with a homage to the most famous of Nashville music publishers. "Name me a song that everybody knows," Jay Farrar sings. "I bet you it belongs to Acuff-Rose."

Doug Sahm of the legendary Sir Douglas Quintet pitches in with a song entitled "Give Back The Key To My Heart" and throughout their *Anodyne* album (for that is what they decided to call it), fiddles, mandolins, banjos and pedal steel guitars evoke the mythical domain of the *hippy cowboy to great effect.*

Naturally, no band in this genre could overlook Young. On songs such as "Chickamauga", "The Long Cut" and the title track, his presence floats over the proceedings like a guardian angel. The fact that a man such as Young, after more years than even he would like to admit, is still capable of demonstrating a master's touch may help or hinder Uncle Tupelo's progress. The least they can do is aspire to his longevity.

DAVID TOOP



Cocteau Twins (from left) Simon Raymonde, Robin Guthrie and Elizabeth Fraser

The sound of one band coping

How Cocteau Twins managed to stop worrying about the world, life, success, themselves and everything

At the beginning of the 1980s, three teenaged friends living in the industrial town of Grangemouth, Scotland, set about creating an escape from an environment they abhorred. "I felt on the outside looking in as far as the human race was concerned," says Robin Guthrie, recalling the crippling sense of alienation they felt at that time. Yet, despite their insecurities and isolation, they shared an unshakable confidence in their music.

"That confidence has been there since I was 19," Guthrie says, "ever since we made a tape in my mother's living room with a little cassette recorder. We made just one tape and brought it to London. We had no idea it was difficult to get a record deal."

After only two live performances, the romantically named Cocteau Twins secured a contract with the company of their first choice. From the release of their first experiments in 1982 to the sumptuous melodies of *Heaven or Las Vegas*, released in 1990, the Cocteau Twins and their independent label, 4AD, offered a refuge for similarly alienated fans who rejected the pop gloss, the hardness, or the mercenary aspirations of so much contemporary music.

Guthrie and Elizabeth Fraser, along with Simon Raymonde (who replaced Will Heggie in 1983), have proved that, in time, popular music can draw its strength from qualities such as consistency, serenity and simplicity without falling into complacent parodies of itself. Here was a trio of oddballs, always able to write songs of obscure beauty, thrown into odd perspectives by undercurrents of turbulence and bursts of infectious joy. Could they open their quiet corner of endeavour to a wider world without suffering irreparable damage?

Some answers to this question are evident on their new album, a clearly focused, accessible collection of songs entitled *Four-Calendar Café*. Already, "Evangeline", the first single, has been a chart success. Perhaps the unaccustomed clarity that has crept into their music might also persuade them to temper their notorious rejection of analysis and enquiry. With the River Thames serving as an idyllic backdrop to their Richmond recording studio, the three proved willing to discuss the psychological dynamics that have led them from frustration and escapism into a recently discovered acceptance of their place in the world.

Fittingly, since *Four-Calendar Café* is their first album to be released under the umbrella of a major record corporation, critical response has been ambivalent. After all, to a large degree the Cocteau Twins were responsible for drawing up one of the fundamental blueprints of independent rock: an ethereal voice trailing indecipherable messages over an amorphous sea of neo-psychedelic sound.

Clarity and maturity are dangerous virtues in this arena. The Cocteau Twins shoulder an awesome burden of evolutionary responsibility, since without them there might be fewer indie idols in the melodic, noisy, fragile, melancholic, pretty or downright introverted niche occupied by the likes of the Jesus and Mary Chain, the Smiths, My Bloody Valentine, the Sundays, Verve, the Cranberries, Slowdive and Seefeel.

Even dance acts now claim to have benefited from their influence. Despite all this glowing acceptance, Guthrie still displays some of the old truculence. Rock pundits are criticising the band for its longevity, he feels, or even for having an identifiable style. "The exact reason I get upset", he says, "is because I take it personally. My work is still somewhere I get a lot of my value."

After 30 minutes of conversation, he admits that this view is less than ideal. "I would rather have less of my personal value coming from my work," he says. "I'd like to feel really good about myself from the inside, but quite often I have to fall back on other people's compliments."

That highlights one of the contradictions such bands must plough through. After years of drawing from a source of semi-coherent anger and social disengagement, they begin to expose the wilful obscurities and obsessiveness of their working methods. Fraser, for example, would cover sheets of paper with words, then scribble them out until virtually nothing was left. "I'm the greatest procrastinator," she confesses. "That's because I have standards which are not realistic."

By contrast, she is happy to discuss her lyrics — so opaque that they once led a Japanese transcriber to render one song as: "Yeah baby, I'm a mud dancer, I don't mend no fence, we will rock you." Even in their intended form, her words rarely invited anything but the most hazardous interpretations. "I had no idea what I meant," she says. "And I had no intention of finding out. I just couldn't talk about it." Terrified by interviews, in which her lack of self-awareness might be revealed, she resorted to evasion and silence.

Rock musicians who talk easily about their music can be insufferable bores. In their struggle to articulate problems of explication, the Cocteau Twins prove to be fascinating. Forget harmonic progressions, equipment specifications, fashion notes, or political affiliations for a moment; this tussle with the mechanics of communication shapes the way in which music is made by groups.

Perhaps the most surprising outcome of their tortuous creative scenario is the music. Less dense and overworked on the latest songs, this sparkles with a feeling of sweet and sour bliss. For Raymonde, the discrepancy between method and result is not illogical. "Just because you're angst-ridden, or you've got this rebellion inside", he says, "doesn't mean you can't appreciate or contribute beautiful things and beautiful sounds. It doesn't always have to be grungy noise coming out just because you're angry. Angry people are sensitive as well."

Growing up in public presents the tallest hurdle in rock. Guthrie feels he is over the worst. "I still believe I have the same spark," he says. "But the same spark is inside a different person."

DAVID TOOP

CONCERTS: Funk from the 1970s; samples for the 1990s

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War
Jazz Café, NW1

MANY of the audience at this first of five London shows would have been at primary school when War last came to town. The Rainbow, the venue for that 1980 show, and Blood, Sweat and Tears, their co-headliners, have both long fallen silent.

Indeed, plenty of this crowd were not with us at all when the Californian funk collective was at its commercial and creative peak.

And what a peak: emerging from the tutelage of Eric Burdon, who adopted them as his backing band after leaving the Animals, War racked up an astonishing run of hits in America. The 1970s brought eight gold albums in eight years, a platinum "best of" set and seven pop top-tenners.

Most of their formidable output remained a secret in Britain, where their only hits were the anthemic "Low Rider", the fat and funky "Me And Baby Brother" and the disco-era "Galaxy".

Nevertheless, a series of respectful covers and samples have afforded the group ongoing respect, and now it was time for them to call in the favours and collect on their reputation as the most eclectic and exciting funksmiths of them all.

They began at breakneck speed, with some positively pneumatic harmonica from Lee Oskar, always a War calling-card.

Frontmen Howard Scott and Lonnie Jordan were in good voice, Jordan in the unashamedly time-warped attire of tie-dye T-shirt and beret, and as the group slammed into "Slippin' Into Darkness" it seemed we were in for a celebration.

That it did not quite turn out that way was no reflection of War's still awesome ability to draw jazz and reggae into a melting pot of funk, more a revelation that their free-spirited approach lacked any stage discipline. As they peeled back one marvellous memory after another, all the coiled energy of the original records was lost in flaccid freewheeling and unnecessary gimmickry. Few of the hits escaped the embroidery; Jordan's engaging revival of one of their lesser-known pieces, "Deliver The Word", from 1973, kept its shape best.

But as the set spiralled past two hours, even before their encores, one felt that a musical sub-editor was needed to take a blue pencil to their still sprightly talents.

PAUL SEXTON

Utah Saints
Astoria II, WI

HOT off the U2 *Zooropa* dates and halfway through their headlining tour, the Utah Saints were running late. Rumours rippled through the tightly packed audience. Perhaps they were watching football backstage.

Maybe — as a handful of goths and people clad in Sisters of Mercy T-shirts undoubtedly hoped — they were waiting for a guest vocalist. At the Saints' previous London date, a few weeks ago, Andrew Eldritch of the Sisters had joined the band for a couple of numbers. The reports had been suitably impressive.

It was not to be, as the opening number — a cover of Simple Minds' "New Gold Dream" — made clear. If Eldritch was anywhere in the vicinity, his presence was well cloaked. Indeed, given the surge of goodwill that greeted Jez Willis and Tim Garbutt, his participation was not essential.

The Saints specialise in a form of techno dance music so bombastic that the edges which seperate it from hard rock are effectively blurred. At a time when pop music is still polarised by such provenance, this makes the Saints a heady experience.

Their stage set — all strobe lights and sophisticated computer graphics displayed on banks of television monitors — points to their clubland origins. The Saints' sample-based music, all triggered by keyboards, suggest a band at ease with their technologies.

The Saints were assisted in their task by three extras who took up positions behind banks of keyboards, synth-drums and congas. Nevertheless, the focus was unfailingly upon the band's central duo. Willis, with hair like multi-coloured spaghetti, played keyboard, bass and contributed some cursory vocals. At his right hand, DJ Garbutt scratched their signature "U-u-u-tah Saints" riff and clambered about on the table between the record decks. Willis habitually called the twentysomething audience "ladies and gentlemen". It was all disarmingly charming.

The etiquette on the dancefloor below was harder to discern. So loud was the sound, so precise the beat, that the crowd surged back and forth, buffeted by noise. The Saints' eponymous debut album is made up of snatches and riffs sampled from artists as diverse as Human League, Kate Bush and the Eurythmics. Underpinned by high-energy rhythms and sweeping synth-lines, the effect is one of vibrant orchestration which translates well to live performance. The momentum of "Believe In Me", "I Want You", and the band's first single, "What Can You Do For Me", provided an irresistible motive force for the audience.

The thundering power-chords of their latest single, "Too Much to Swallow", kept the concert on the fast track. "Ladies and gentlemen", Willis said in parting, "this is our best ever London gig!" The audience agreed.

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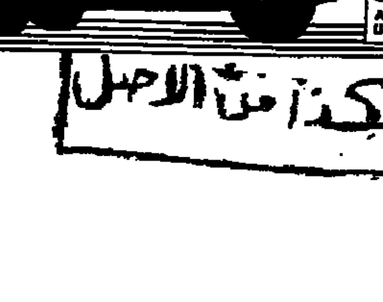
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Vaughan Freeman on a new version of a classic, and below, a glimpse of the latest high-power Ferrari

Porsche's racer starts new lap

It started life 30 years ago as the *ultimate racer*, a car which swept all before it on the race tracks of the 1960s and '70s. But the three decades of the Porsche 911 have been years of tumultuous *success followed by a swift descent*, as the 1980s distorted its image, associating it closely with Yuppies, a symbol of arrogance and greed.

Now there is a new incarnation *and Porsche's venerable 911* is charged with reviving the hard-pressed German *manufacturer's* drastically slumping sales.

Only six years ago, Porsche sold a record 3,700 cars in Britain. Last year it sold 945, and this year hopes *to sell around 900 cars — though* thanks to a 20 per cent improvement in productivity, the company should stay in profit.

In Germany and the key export *market of the United States*, Porsche sales are down by half. As well as the recession, Porsche has been hit by fierce competition from newly-arrived Japanese models such as the Honda NSX, and Toyota Supra.

The Yuppie tag has dogged the marque. Even Porsche's *own* market research showed many Porsche customers turning away because of the "arrogant" attitude the company had drawn around itself.

The image is being changed, says Porsche spokeswoman, Claire Titcombe: "We want to return to the true values of owning a Porsche and to change the public misconception that a Porsche is a sports car driven by arrogant people. It is a sports car *driven by people who enjoy its* engineering heritage and not a symbol of the '80s."

Critics say the firm lost its way in the 1980s under the leadership of then chairman Peter W Schultz, who amid booming sales focused on *air-conditioning, leather interiors* and fashion-conscious paint jobs to adorn the previously pure sporting thoroughbred.

Such models were a long way from their spiritual forebear, the pre-war VW Beetle designed by Ferdinand Porsche. A "sporty" Beetle, the 356, failed to fire imaginations, and so Porsche evolved the *now classic profile plus the six*-cylinder air-cooled and rear-mounted Boxer engine of the 911, unveiled at the 1963 Frankfurt Motor Show.

Since then, the car has been *infinitely improved, made faster* and more powerful, while its character has stayed pretty much the same. In 1966 came the 911 Targa, and the initial two-litre engine *began the development* that turned it into today's 3.6-litre version.

More than any 911 before it, the new car must succeed. The 911 now accounts for around half of all *Porsches sold in Britain, which will* rise to two-thirds after the new model is launched here in December. Porsche, which usually loads replacement models with a price rise of up to 18 per cent, will sell the new car at the same price as its predecessor, around £52,000.

From front number plate to rear bumper, everything about the new car has been upgraded, and 85 per cent of the car's components are totally new. It is as fast as any sane person could want, and comfortable, with plenty of leg room for driver and passenger, though the two rear seats are best reserved for folded jackets and a map.

The 911 will find out the shortcomings of the driver a long time before the car itself is found wanting. Winding mountain roads only encourage it to go faster, though the ride over poor surfaces is bumpy and rough, and there is a lot of jolting from the pot-holes of in-town driving. Porsche says all its limited development money has gone into the car's engine and suspension, *which might explain the plastic-like* air ducts in the cabin and a ventilation system that went from muggy to hurricane force with little in between.

For 911 lovers, that will be irrelevant for a vehicle that sounds wonderful on the move, and will, in the right hands, travel at quite extraordinary speeds in full safety. Dr Wendelin Wiedeking, Porsche's present president, is planning cautious growth but hopes the 911 will play a key role in doubling total output to around 30,000 by 1997, as well as ensuring the company's future independence, and continuing profit, and says: *"We want to* return to our sporting roots with the new car."

Moves to turn round Porsche's fortunes have been drastic. In *Britain, the company's £13 million* headquarters in Reading, Berkshire, now employs fewer than 100 people compared to more than 200 in 1988, and the 40 outlets of 1989 *have been cut to 28 dealerships* today.

Part of the Reading headquarters has become a dealership and the firm has launched Porsche Special Products to service and restore old models. With an estimated 80 per *cent of the 355,000 911s built so far* still on the road, including 36,000 or so on Britain's roads, the potential is great. Today, Porsche advertisements boast not of the rarity, prestige or sheer performance of the cars, but of the car as a value-for-money, affordable buy.

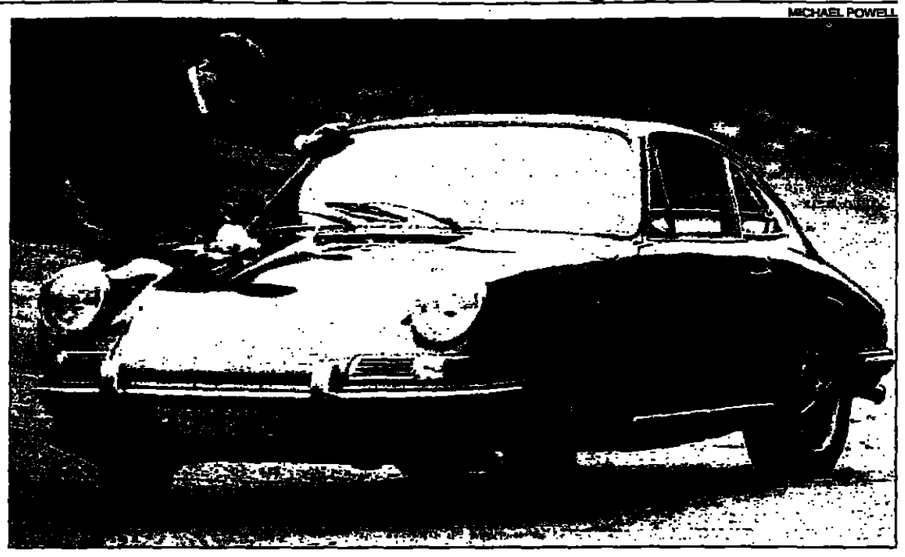
Kevin Gaskell, Porsche GB's managing director, says: "The idea is to restrict supply so that we always have one car fewer to sell *than is wanted, which is already* helping restore residual values."

ROAD TEST

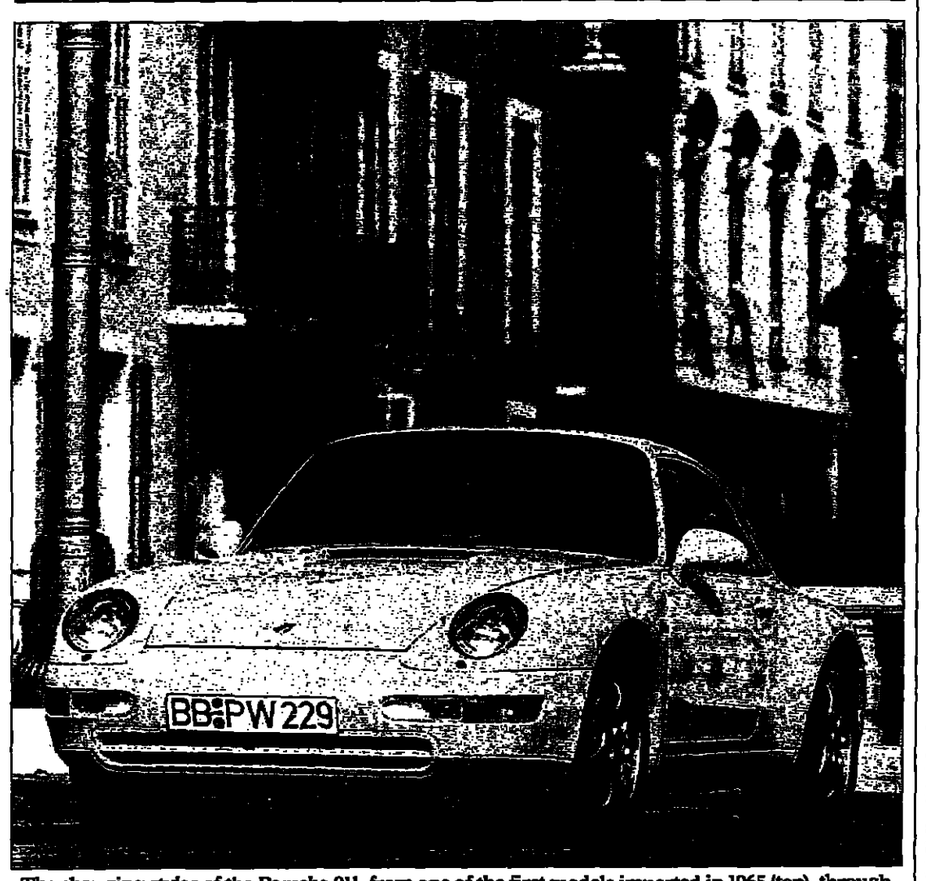
Porsche 911 Carrera

Price: £52,000.
Engine: 3.6-litre, air-cooled, six-cylinder, 272bhp, six-speed gearbox.
Performance: top speed 168mph, 0-60mph in 5.8secs.
Economy: 28.3mpg on average.

MICHAEL POWELL







The changing styles of the Porsche 911, from one of the first models imported in 1965 (top), through a classic having an outing in rally trim (centre), to today's lauded version for the 1990s

Keep them rare, sell them dear

According to Luca de Montezemolo, the firm's president: "We are a small provincial car company. We can never be a volume producer." Yet Mr Montezemolo happens to be president of Ferrari, whose prancing horse badge is one of the most famous in world motoring.

On the eve of the British launch of the 456GT model — Ferrari's first front-engined V12 coupé for many *years — Mr Montezemolo promised* that the company would ensure both high levels of quality and exclusivity by never again attempting to build more than 3,000 cars a year.

Of those, no more than 500 will be the Pininfarina-designed 456GT, a model which, despite being a Grand Turismo four-seater rather than an out-and-out sports car, is still a second a lap quicker around Ferrari's Fiorano test track than the *512TR Testarossa*.

Its quick performance and a top speed of 192mph derives from a combination of high power — a 442 brake horse power V12 engine — and light weight thanks to aluminium body panels. "We are proud of the 456GT, not just because it is the quickest 2-plus-2 in the world but also because it brings *back old Ferrari 2-plus-2 customers* and attracts them from competitor's GT models — such as the Porsche 928, BMW 850i and Mercedes SL," Mr Montezemolo says.

Ferrari certainly needs a boost. Struck by the worldwide recession like every other maker of exotic sports cars, sales have slumped. Montezemolo predicts just 2,400 cars will be delivered this year, down from 3,400 in 1992 and the record 4,400 *in 1991.*

While Ferrari does not need to resort to renting disused airfields as some volume manufacturers are doing, there are still at least 60 or 70 *completed cars waiting to find* owners — a far cry from when Maranello Concessionaires, the British distributor, had a five-year waiting list.

At the moment, British customers can order a 348 or 512TR from stock but Stuart Robinson, Maranello's managing director, is painfully aware that the 456GT, which goes on sale after the London Motor Show which starts next week, could *attract another rash of speculators* buoyed up by the possibility of economic recovery.

Only 35 of the £146,000 cars will come into the country during 1994 and Mr Robinson wants enthusiasts to get them — not speculators. It is important to clamp down now because next year brings the launch of the replacement for the F40, a model constructed of lightweight carbon fibre and powered by a modified Formula One V12 engine. The last F40s, of which just 1,000 were made, came at the height of the speculative boom and traded for up to £500,000 each. There is also a new *512TR convertible on the way*, perhaps to help British sales to recover from only 140 to a target of 300, 10 per cent of Ferrari production.

MARTIN DERRICK

ROADWISE

New cars for old

COWIE Interleasing has £300 million to spend swapping old company cars for new. Neil Pykett, Cowie's managing director, says: "A typical fleet of 500 vehicles could be worth £3 million. We will buy those cars to inject cash into the company... and provide employees with new cars which will be leased by their employers."

Tow winner

THE title of Caravan Club Towcar of the Year has gone to Citroen's Xantia 1.9 TD VSX. The car won on handling, stability, power and economy *from 31 different models* entered by 15 manufacturers.

Sporting gesture

MOST generous offer of the week in the motor industry was made by Tom Purves, BMW (GB) managing director. Heading a series of test driving sessions in the South of France, he was horrified when one of his £54,000 840i sports cars was involved in a collision with a French driver — *coincidentally in a BMW* coupé. Mr Purves immediately offered the Frenchman a replacement model.

Cold start

INTREPID policemen are scheduled to leave *London* today on a 5,000-mile trek to the Arctic Circle. Five bobbies from the Metropolitan force travel to Paris for the start of the challenge which will take them through at least ten *countries in their Porsche 911*



Carrera 4 and Mercedes 300D saloon. The teams are raising money for a children's hospital in St Petersburg.

Service at last

RELIEF at last for beleaguered travellers: the first motorway service station on *the M40 has been given the* go-ahead. Forte and Mobil oil are to build the services at Barn Hill, six miles south of Warwick. The station should be ready this time next year.

Sales soar

TOYOTA has sold more cars already this year than in the whole of 1992, thanks to its *new plant at Burnaston*, Derbyshire. Combined Toyota and Lexus sales were 42,213 up to the end of September compared with 32,406 for 1992. Burnaston contributed more than 5,400 cars.

ROBIN MAYES



A nervous Nick Watt is given a lesson by Meryl Bunton

Can you pass the test in five days?

It was almost a decade since my contemporaries passed their tests and I was beginning to get worried. I was in danger of becoming one of those people like Jeffrey Bernard who boast about never having learnt to drive.

My first half-hearted attempt to learn to drive was when I was at university in the late 1980s, but I gave up when a job in London came along. Since then my life had been organised around British Rail timetables.

It had to stop. At the ripe age of 26, I signed up for a week's intensive course with the British School of Motoring near my home in Streatham, south London.

The course seemed perfect for busy people who need to learn fast and who do not have time for a disjointed series of lessons after work. It started with a two-hour assessment to decide how many lessons I would need. I hesitated when my instructor gave me control of the car, but vague memories of my initial lessons in 1989 were enough to see me through. He recommended me for 15 hours of *driving in order to pass the test.*

I arranged three hours driving a day over five days with Meryl Bunton, who was calm and reassuring and never lost her patience. *In the first few lessons she ironed* out my dreadful clutch control and hopeless gear changes. Meryl recorded my progress in basic skills in a booklet devised by BSM. But she did not stick to a few elements per lesson and had me reversing *round corners and tackling round*abouts early on. The three manoeuvres in the test — reversing round a corner, making a three-point turn and reversing into a parking slot — should not have been difficult once I had mastered the techniques. But towards the end of the week I was still erratic and an exasperated Meryl would say: "Keep going until you've got it."

Quietly, but persistently, Meryl made me practise and repractise my hill starts and emergency stops until they were perfect. Butwhen it came to negotiating awkward corners in the suburban streets favoured by driving examiners I was hopeless. First I steered too early and veered on to the wrong side of the road. *Then I went too fast in too* high a gear and nearly ended up on the pavement. Driving instructors are allowed to instil a modicum of aggression in timid drivers and *Meryl soon put an end to my habit* of stopping at roundabouts and waiting until there wasn't a vehicle in sight. "Don't sit for ever — just go," she would implore me.

In my *last lesson she took me for* a mock test. Gone were the smiles; instead, a stern examiner sat next to me marking my mistakes. I scored badly. I drove over the speed limit a *few times, cautiously stayed in* third gear on a fast stretch and committed the sin of failing to look in my mirrors every other second.

My chances of passing the real *test seemed remote. However,* Meryl took me for 90 minutes' extra driving before the test and I performed beautifully. I coolly moved down to second gear to *negotiate turnings effortlessly, and* the hub-caps remained unscathed as I reversed round even the most difficult of South Norwood's corners. A relieved and confident *Meryl barely needed to wish me* luck as I strode into the test centre.

Her satisfaction was premature. As I waited in the test centre my confidence seeped away. I walked *out to the car with the examiner* — who was nothing like the ill-tempered ogre of folklore — and all my bad habits flooded back. My feet shook over the pedals and I *stayed in all the wrong gears.* On the manoeuvres the engine whined miserably at my inept clutch control. At the end of the test the examiner informed me that I had *not reached the required standard.*

I had to wait four weeks before I could take the test again. I had three more lessons with Meryl, including a few mock tests. This *time the instructor fitted the stereo*type gruff-image and barked instructions as we wound our way round the streets of Sutton. Despite the date of the test — Friday 13 — *and a short sermon at the end of the* test from the examiner on my use of indicators, I passed.

Meryl then suggested yet another lesson, the day after passing to *master motorway driving.* She handed me a booklet which I read before we spent three hours driving up and down the M23. The lesson was invaluable in teaching *me not to be scared of cruising at* 70mph and how to join motorways.

Now that I have my own car, the learning will really begin.

NICHOLAS WATT

A week's intensive driving course with BSM costs £375. Rates vary around the country and the price is based on the 25 hours of driving which the average learner needs.

Corsa is a great little learner

OVER the next decade, if you learn to drive with *BSM, then you will* learn in a Vauxhall Corsa.

BSM decided earlier this year to drop the Rover Metro, which had provided the learner fleet for ten years, and ordered 50,000 Vauxhalls in the biggest single fleet order in the British motor industry — worth about £400 million.

The deal is important to both sides: for Vauxhall it means thousands of drivers will learn to drive in one of their cars: for BSM the Corsa has to be good because the *company cannot afford cars which* are unreliable or difficult to drive.

There can be few more welcoming little cars on the road. Everything speaks of thoughtful design, from chunky radio switches that do away with scrabbling fingers *and squint-eyed peering, to a* general feel that this is a well-engineered and excellently put-together package. Although BSM's cars are mainly 1.2 and 1.4-litre models, Britain's biggest driving school is also to add the Corsa just launched with automatic gearbox.

ROAD TEST

Vauxhall Corsa

Prices: *from* £6,495 for 1.2i Merit to £9,585 for GLS
Performance (automatic): top speed 91mph, 0-60mph in 17 seconds.
Economy: 44.6mpg

The new electronically controlled four-speed automatic gearbox *is a scaled-down version of the* one found in the Astra and Cavalier, and includes Economy, Sport and Winter driving modes.

Sport offers slightly brisker motoring by moving all the gear-change points slightly further up *the engine rev range. The Winter* setting enables the car to pull off in third gear for maximum grip in slippery conditions without spinning wheels. For normal driving *however, the Economy setting is* fine, returning as it does impressive fuel consumption figures.

All automatic Corsas use the 1.4-litre engine can easily maintain 70mph on motorways. In the manual versions, gear changes are so relaxed and easy to find that even a novice can manage.

It is not just the choice of automatic that has filtered down the Vauxhall range to smaller, cheaper cars. The Corsa is jammed with comforts that only a few years ago were only seen in top-of-the-*range models. It offers power* steering, anti-lock brakes, deadlocking, seat-belt pre-tensioners to "grab" occupants securely in an accident and side-impact protection beams in all doors.

House of Lords

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Serving proceedings abroad

Seaconsar Far East Ltd v Bank Markazi Jomhouri Islami Iran

Before Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill

[Speeches October 14]

In establishing the jurisdiction of the court under Order 11, rule 1(1) of the Rules of the Supreme Court to grant leave to serve proceedings out of the jurisdiction, the standard of proof was that of the good arguable case, but in respect of the merits of the claim under rules 1(1) and 4 it was sufficient for the plaintiff to establish that there was a serious issue to be tried.

The House of Lords allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Seaconsar Far East Ltd, from the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Lloyd, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Beldam) (*The Times* November 25, 1992; [1993] 1 Lloyd's Rep 236), who by a majority (Lord Justice Stuart-Smith dissenting) had dismissed the plaintiffs' appeal from Mr Justice Saville. The judge had ordered that service of the plaintiffs' writ on the defendants, Bank Markazi Jomhouri Islami Iran, be set aside in relation to a second presentation of documents by the plaintiffs under a letter of credit for the payment of US$4,118,660.

Mr Sydney Kentridge, QC and Mr Simon Rainey for Seaconsar; Mr Nicholas Chambers, QC, Mr Mark Happgood and Mr Alan Roxburgh for Bank Markazi.

LORD GOFF said that Seaconsar was a Hong Kong company dealing in arms. It had agreed to sell a large quantity of artillery shells to the Iranian Ministry of Defence for US$193 million, payment to be by letter of credit.

Seaconsar had made two shipments of shells and two presentations of documents under the letter of credit to a London bank. Bank Markazi had failed or refused to make payment in respect of both presentations on the ground that the documents presented were in certain respects not in conformity with the requirements of the letter of credit.

Seaconsar claimed damages for breach of contract. Mr Justice Hobhouse had granted them leave *ex parte* to serve the proceedings outside the jurisdiction. Mr Justice Saville had set that order aside in relation to the second presentation.

The first issue was what was the test of a sufficiently strong case on the merits to justify the grant to a plaintiff of leave to serve proceedings out of the jurisdiction under Order 11.

It was consistent with the statement of the law by Lord Davey in *Chemische Fabrik vormals Sandoz v Badische Anilin und Soda Fabrik* ((1904) 90 LT 733, 735) that if, at the end of the day, there remained a substantial question of fact or law or both, arising on the facts disclosed by the affidavits, that the plaintiff bona fide desired to have tried, the court should, as a rule, allow the service of the writ.

If that approach was correct, the standard of proof could broadly be stated to be whether, on the affidavit evidence before the court, there was a serious issue to be tried. In considering, however, the standard of proof applicable when considering whether the jurisdiction of the court had been sufficiently established under one or more of the paragraphs of rule 1(1), *Vitkovice Horni a Hutni Tezirstvo v Korner* ([1951] AC 869) showed that the test was the "good arguable case".

In *Korner*, the plaintiff's claim had been advanced under what was now paragraph (e). Under that paragraph, it followed from *Korner* that no separate issue would arise on the merits of the plaintiff's claim to which a lower standard of proof might be applied; and for that reason no question had arisen directly in *Korner* as to the standard of proof applicable.

His Lordship suspected that a failure to appreciate that point had led to a belief that the "good arguable case" test established in *Korner* was as applicable to the merits of the plaintiff's case as it was to the question of jurisdiction under rule 1(1), as indeed had been stated in successive editions of *The Supreme Court Practice*: see the 1993 edition, paragraph 11/1/6.

It had been suggested that, since both the assessment of the merits of the plaintiff's claim and the principle of *forum conveniens* fell to be considered as elements in the exercise of the court's discretion, those should be regarded as inter-related in the sense that "the more conspicuous the presence of one element, the less insistent the demands of justice that the other should also be conspicuous": *Société Commercial de Reassurance v Eras International Ltd* ([1992] 1 Lloyd's Rep 570, 588) *per* Lord Justice Mustill).

His Lordship disagreed with that approach. In truth, the two elements were separate and distinct.

The invocation of the principle of *forum conveniens* sprang from the oft-expressed anxiety that great care should be taken in bringing before the English court a foreigner who owed no allegiance here.

But if jurisdiction was established under rule 1(1) and it was also established that England was the *forum conveniens*, his Lordship could see no good reason why any particular degree of cogency should be required in relation to the merits of the plaintiff's case.

Nor could his Lordship see that the fact that the proceedings in respect of the first presentation were going to proceed in this country in any event had any bearing on the issue in the present appeal.

The majority of the Court of Appeal had accordingly erred when they had held that Seaconsar had had to establish under either of subparagraphs (d)(i) or (ii) of rule 1(1) a good arguable case on the merits. It had been enough for Seasonsar to establish that there was a serious issue to be tried.

In his Lordship's view, Seaconsar's claim did give rise to serious issues to be tried, and the appeal should be allowed.

Lord Templeman, Lord Griffiths, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Stephenson Harwood.

Court of Appeal

Power to commit contemnors

Guildford Borough Council v Valler and Others

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Staughton and Lord Justice Steyn

[Judgment October 4]

The High Court did have jurisdiction to commit a contemnor to prison for negligently failing to comply with an injunction. That was not an anomalous jurisdiction but a part of the court's role in upholding the rule of law. However, the power was discretionary and enforcement was not automatically available at the demand of the plaintiff whose rights were being infringed.

Its exercise had been rightly refused to enforce the eviction of gypsies from green belt land in Surrey where no other site was available because the county council had failed to carry out its statutory duty to provide suitable caravan sites for gypsies.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Guildford Borough Council against Mr Justice Sedley (*The Times* May 18) who had refused to commit to prison the first, second and fourth defendants, Charmaine Valler, also known as Smith, Mary Valler and Lilian Valler for contempt of court.

Order 45, rule 5 of the Rules of the Supreme Court provides: "(1) Where (a) a person required by a judgment or order to do an act within a time specified in the judgment or order refuses or neglects to do it within that time ... or (b) a person disobeys a judgment or order requiring him to abstain from doing an act, then, subject to the provisions of these rules, the judgment or order may be enforced by ... an order of committal against that person .."

Mr Timothy Straker for the council; Mr Jonathan Clay for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL said the defendants were gypsies who had set up mobile homes without planning permission on green belt land they owned in Guildford. A planning application had been refused and an enforcement notice served. On appeal, the Secretary of State for the Environment had upheld the enforcement notice.

On July 2, 1992 Mr Justice Buckley had granted the planning authority an injunction restraining the defendants from stationing caravans or mobile homes on the land with effect from October 2, 1992. The gypsies remained on the land and the planning authority sought to have them committed to prison, although on such terms that the imprisonment would be suspended.

Under section 6 of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 the county council had a duty to establish caravan sites for gypsies. For 25 years Surrey County Council had failed to fulfil that statutory duty and for good if legalistic reasons the minister had taken no steps to require the county council to do so.

Mr Justice Sedley had found that the defendants were in contempt of court. He had then turned to Order 45, rule 5 and concluded that the words of the rule constrained him to find that where, as in this case, potential contemnors had good reason for not complying that was not deliberate contempt.

The judge had found that he was deprived of jurisdiction by virtue of the wording of the rule and the facts of the particular case. His Lordship could not agree with that finding.

The defendants had contended before Mr Justice Sedley that they had used every endeavour and could not find alternative accommodation. The judge's approach was flawed because it had regard to a rule which had to be read subject to the inherent jurisdiction of the court to punish contemnors.

That was clear from the House of Lords' speeches in *Heatons Transport (St Helens) Ltd v Transport and General Workers Union* ([1973] AC 15).

In his Lordship's view, on principle and authority Mr Justice Sedley had been mistaken in saying that the circumstances of the case deprived him of jurisdiction.

Nor was the plaintiff's application for committal "to all intents and purposes a form of private prosecution" as the judge had maintained. In his Lordship's judgment, an application for committal for civil contempt had more than one purpose. Its object might be to coerce the contemnor into adopting or refraining from a course of action or to protect the rights of the plaintiff. It was a misunderstanding of the true position to equate it with a private prosecution.

In the present case there plainly had been a contempt. Once that finding was made the judge had to direct his attention to the consequences. In so doing a wide variety of courses of action were open to him.

The judge had to keep in the forefront of his mind the interests of the proper administration of justice. The observance of the court's order was of vital importance. Failure to do so must normally be regarded as contrary to the interests of the proper administration of justice. There might be other matters personal to the contemnor which allowed a lenient view.

His Lordship had much sympathy with the interests of the plaintiff, faced with the unenviable task of trying to enforce planning control. It was right that the legitimate interests of the planning authority should be borne in mind.

Mr Justice Sedley had pointed out the objections to the land being occupied by gypsies. He had come to the conclusion that the land was not in a particularly conspicuous place. But he had also borne in mind the factors which brought the balance down in favour of his not imposing a punitive order.

The situation had changed since the order was made. There had been consultations with the plaintiffs and through legal representatives with the defendants. There had been unavailing efforts to find alternative accommodation for the gypsies.

Counsel for the planning authority had contended that the fact there had been a breach of statutory duty by Surrey County Council was totally irrelevant to the judge's decision.

His Lordship took the view that the fact that the court was dealing with gypsies was a material consideration for it went to the genuineness of the defendants' efforts to find alternative accommodation.

His Lordship did not accept that the case was like any other case involving trespassers who might not be members of the gypsy community.

The judge had to carry out a balancing exercise and had decided that he ought to show compassion. One of the defendants was a widow aged 70. The judge had thought it unthinkable that such a person should be committed to prison, a view he was perfectly entitled to take.

His Lordship could find no reason to fault the exercise of discretion by the judge below. He would have done the same.

LORD JUSTICE STAUGHTON agreed that Mr Justice Sedley did have power to deal with the case by way of imprisonment. The situation was that the defendants were in breach of planning control. They had been ordered by the court to rectify the breach and had not done so. They could end their way of life and move elsewhere with the help of council provision for the homeless.

Their failure to take that no doubt unattractive course was not accidental but wilful. But it was brought about by the failure of Surrey County Council to fulfil its statutory duty.

There were three possible solutions: to refuse an injunction; to grant an injunction but impose no penalty if broken; or to grant an injunction and impose a penalty.

The first solution had much to commend it. The court should not make orders which it did not contemplate enforcing. In the rules of nursery discipline "no" meant "no". Those who did not enforce their orders might tend to be regarded with contempt.

Mole Valley v Smith ((1992) 24 HLR 442) showed it would have been wrong to take that course. It was not for the court to refuse an injunction because there were no other sites available. The court was bound by that decision. There had been no application to discharge the injunction and no appeal against the order.

The second solution was a poor substitute, for the reasons just given. The order would presumably continue to be broken but no sanction would be imposed. It was a position the law ought to avoid if it could.

The third choice required the court to grant an injunction and enforce it by imprisonment without regard to the personal circumstances of the defendants or of any other circumstances. That was worse than the second solution.

Mr Straker had submitted that when a plaintiff came with a civil claim he was entitled to the remedies the court could provide and it was no business of the court to refuse any remedy out of sympathy for the defendant. That seemed to his Lordship to be a powerful argument and it might be right.

For example, if a plaintiff came to court for the enforcement of a debt it was not for the courts to refuse a remedy because they did not like the plaintiff. It was for Parliament to deal with extortionate bargains.

The same might not be true of all remedies. For example, an order for costs might be refused to a successful plaintiff.

There was no automatic right to enforcement of an injunction by imprisonment. In such a case the court always retained a discretion to refuse enforcement. The contrary view would put the clock back more than 100 years. Imprisonment was a sanction which the state inflicted, usually, in the state's establishments and it was not automatically available at the beck and call of a plaintiff.

His Lordship was by no means sure that he would have done the same as Mr Justice Sedley but in the circumstances it was a view the judge was entitled to form. In the circumstances the court ought not to disagree with the judge.

LORD JUSTICE STEYN, agreeing with Lord Justice Russell, said the judge had made observations about the jurisdiction of the High Court which could not be left unchallenged. The liability of a party to comply with a court order was a strict one. "Intentionally" meant non-accidentally: see *Heatons Transport*.

Given the defendants' strict liability it followed that conscious failure to comply amounted to a contempt. The judge had taken too narrow a view of the power of the High Court. He had referred to a "surviving power" but that was not an anomalous jurisdiction.

That was a power the High Court must have to maintain its character as a court of justice. It was a necessary attribute of the High Court which enabled it to act as a guarantee of the rule of law.

One would expect the limits of the power to be as wide as was necessary for the High Court to fulfil its proper constitutional role.

There was no distinction in respect of *mens rea* between cases where the defendant refused or neglected to comply with the court order.

That part of Mr Justice Sedley's judgment had described the jurisdiction too narrowly. It contemplated that where there was negligence the court could not impose a penalty. That was not so. For example, a solicitor who carelessly allowed clients' funds to be transferred out of the jurisdiction in breach of a *Mareva* injunction could be committed.

The High Court had jurisdiction to commit for contempt whenever contempt involved a degree of fault or misconduct. That included negligent failure to comply with the order. It would no doubt be comparatively rare for a court to commit for negligence.

However, his Lordship was in complete agreement with the judge's ground for his decision. Lord Wilberforce in *Heatons Transport* had contemplated that there had to be a discretion. That was clear from the use of the word "may" and the choice of penalty in Order 45, rule 5.

In his Lordship's view the judge had rightly held in the exercise of his discretion that he ought not to impose a suspended term of imprisonment.

Such a order would have faced the gypsies with a stark choice of imprisonment or abandoning their communal existence. It would be an affront to the civilised values of our society to assent to the council's demand.

The situation was the result of the failure of the state to enforce the decision of Parliament.

The orders of the court had to be obeyed. The statute passed by Parliament for the protection of the communal life of the gypsies ought to be respected. Mr Justice Sedley had concluded that justice made it inappropriate for any penalty to be imposed. His Lordship took the same view.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Miss Helen B. Sutherland, Guildford; Paul Gromett & Co.

Flagstone is 'equipment' under liability Act

Knowles v Liverpool City Council

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Templeman, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill

[Speeches October 14]

A flagstone was "equipment" within the meaning of that term in section 1(1) of the Employer's Liability (Defective Equipment) Act 1969.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by Liverpool City Council from the dismissal by the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Purchas and Mrs Justice Booth) (*The Times* July 2, 1992; [1993] ICR 21) of its appeal from Mr Recorder Briggs, who on May 30, 1991, in Liverpool County Court, awarded damages of £3,092 to Mr Raymond Knowles for personal injuries sustained in the course of his employment when he handled a flagstone which broke.

Section 1 of the 1969 Act provides: "(1) Where ... (a) an employee suffers personal injury in the course of his employment in consequence of a defect in equipment provided by his employer for the purposes of the employer's business; and (b) the defect is attributable wholly or partly to the fault of a third party ... the injury shall be deemed to be also attributable to negligence on the part of the employer ...

"(3) In this section 'equipment' includes any plant and machinery, vehicle, aircraft and clothing."

Mr William Braithwaite, QC and Miss Tania Griffiths for Liverpool City Council; Mr Brian Leveson, QC and Mr John Benson for Mr Knowles.

LORD JAUNCEY said that Mr Knowles was employed by the appellants as a labourer flagger repairing a pavement in a Liverpool street. While he was manhandling a flagstone into the shovel of a JCB, the corner of it broke off and the flagstone dropped causing him injury. The breakage occurred because the manufacturers, who were not the appellants, had failed to cure it properly. The defect could not reasonably have been discovered before the accident.

Before their Lordships Mr Braithwaite had sought to draw a distinction between "plant" on the one hand, which comprehended such things as tools and machinery required for the performance of a particular task, and "stock-in-trade" on the other, which covered articles produced by the use of plant and machinery. Equipment fell firmly on the side of plant. He had argued further that material was to be distinguished from equipment and was therefore excluded from the latter.

After reviewing earlier authorities his Lordship said that in *Coltman v Bibby Tankers Ltd* ([1988] AC 276) it was held that a large ship which sank due to defects in construction and design was equipment provided by an employer for the purpose of his business within the meaning of section 1(1)(a) of the 1969 Act.

In that case Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, after referring to the purpose of the Act, expressed the view that if subsection (1) had stood alone and without such assistance as was provided by subsection (3) he would have had no difficulty in concluding that in the context of the Act a ship was part of the equipment of the business of a shipowner. He concluded that the definition in subsection (3) had been inserted not for the purpose of enlarging the word "equipment" by including in it articles which would not otherwise fall within it in its ordinary signification but rather for clarification and avoidance of doubt.

With reference to subsection (3) he said: "The key word in the definition is the word 'any' and it underlines, in my judgment, what I would in any event have supposed to be the case, having regard to the purpose of the Act, that is to say that it should be widely construed so as to embrace every article of whatever kind furnished by the employer for the purposes of his business."

The latter observation, if applicable, was wide enough to cover the flagstone provided by the appellants in the present case and there was nothing in Lord Oliver's speech to suggest that those observations were restricted to cases involving ships or any other particular article.

The observations were quite general and his Lordship had no doubt that they were just as applicable to the present case as they were to the ship in *Coltman v Bibby Tankers Ltd* ([1988] AC 276). That being so the flagstone which broke and injured Mr Knowles was "equipment" for the purposes of the 1969 Act.

Lord Keith, Lord Templeman, Lord Browne-Wilkinson and Lord Mustill agreed.

Solicitors: Mr Paul F. Taylor, Liverpool; Brian Thompson & Partners, Liverpool.

Compensation order was inappropriate

Regina v Tyce

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Dyson

[Judgment October 7]

A compensation order made under section 35(1) of the Powers of Criminal Courts Act 1973 in favour of a shopkeeper against a handler of stolen goods was inappropriate because the judge had not had his attention drawn to the necessity of accounting for the loss actually resulting from the man's offence.

Further, the compensation order was wrong in principle as a sentence of six months in a young offender institution was sufficient to mark the seriousness of the offence.

The Court of Appeal so held when allowing an appeal by Jason Phillip Tyce, of Junction Road, Upper Holloway, who had been sentenced at Snaresbrook Crown Court by Judge Hitching on a plea of guilty to handling goods stolen from a grocer's shop and off-licence at Chester Road, Upper Holloway, his plea of not guilty to burglary having been accepted.

Section 35 provides: "(1) ... a court by or before which a person is convicted of an offence, in addition to dealing with him in any other way, may ... make ... a compensation order ... requiring him to pay compensation for any ... loss or damage resulting from that offence ..."

Miss Kate Davey, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

MR JUSTICE TURNER, giving the judgment of the court, said that it was accepted that a large amount of the stolen property was recovered and all the goods found in the appellant's possession by the police had been returned to the shopkeeper.

The question was whether there was evidence from which the judge could have concluded that the appellant's handling of the shopkeeper's goods caused loss to him. There might be cases where a handler had disposed of the goods so that the loser had been unable to recover their possession. The present was not such a case, nor was it one in which the handler was so close to the thief that his actions could be treated as the handler's.

Another element of difficulty was that, in view of the appellant's offer to pay compensation of £400 from his available money, no one had drawn the judge's attention to the necessity of there being an assessment or account of the loss actually suffered by the shopkeeper as a result of the appellant's actions. On that ground alone their Lordships would have been minded to quash the compensation order.

Further, the six-month sentence was itself sufficient to mark the seriousness of the appellant's conduct and it was wrong in principle to have coupled with that an order for compensation of £400 or any other sum.

The compensation order would be quashed and to that extent only the appeal was allowed.

Injunction against hospital

In re C

It was open to the court, on the application of a patient, to grant an injunction restraining a hospital and surgeons from amputating the patient's leg both now and in the future unless the patient gave his express written consent.

Mr Justice Thorpe so stated in the Family Division on October 14 when granting the injunction to Mr C, a patient confined at Broadmoor.

MR JUSTICE THORPE said that the patient had been transferred to Broadmoor from Brixton prison suffering from chronic paranoid schizophrenia.

On September 10, a resident medical officer who examined the patient diagnosed that he was suffering from gangrene of the foot and Mr C was transferred to Heatherwood Hospital, Ascot. At the hospital, amputation of the lower leg was advised but Mr C refused amputation. However, he had accepted more conservative treatment to which he was responding.

The summons had been issued because the hospital would not give an undertaking that the leg would not be amputated despite Mr C's repeated refusals.

Having heard the evidence and having seen the patient, his Lordship was satisfied that Mr C's right of self-determination had not been displaced and that he did understand the purpose and the effect of the treatment he was refusing.

An injunction bound a non-party so Mr C would be protected if he were to be transferred to another hospital. The injunction would be granted in the terms sought.

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The Kings rule in high court

There is a survival shop on the concourse of Euston station where I enquired about suitable apparel — camouflage jacket, bullet-proof waistcoat . . .

The assistant excused himself while he went to tell Mr Graham Taylor that he had nothing for him, returned and asked where I was going.

Hemel Hempstead.

He thought I would be all right in Hemel, the natives were friendly. So I bought a bar of vegetarian chocolate.

Earlier in the day, I had eaten a potato crisp or some other comestible that disagreed with me, so on arrival at the Dacorum sports centre I went to the bar and ingurgitated a glass of sparkling water into which I placed ice cubes and a mild stimulant.

Things began to look better. A notice on the wall proclaimed availability of Ploughman's Luncheon — £2. There being no details as to what tillers of the Hemel soil consumed in the middle of the day, I decide it would be wise to let it be.

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FREUD ON FRIDAY

Kings Budweiser Basketball League match programme (50p) is headed Chatette with a Royalette.

Royalettes are local girls eagerly awaiting their teens who dress as majorettes and carry pom-poms. I had seen them as I came into the hall and thought they were raffle prizes. Then I heard them chant "Two, four, six, eight: who do we appreciate? Hemel, Hem-el, Hem-el . . . " and realised their function.

A chatette is a journalistic form suited to publications which devote a whole page to 120 words — like a programme. A Royalette named Ashlea declared that she is really looking forward to participating with the "one and only Hemel Hempstead Royals".

The crowd is young, predominantly female, 95 per cent white. The children may well grow up and be enlisted as Royalettes, then become available for a chatette. In the meantime, they scream at the tops of their voices at the slightest provocation.

As tip-off time approaches, a voice over the art deco sound system told us to stamp our feet and whistle — a voice that sounded as if it should know better. The din was impressive: if you want to get a headache, I can think of few better places.

The players are predominantly tall, black and athletic, though a handful are tall, white and athletic. A few are professional, earning their living from the game and being paid per season roughly what professionals in the United States get per match.

Prior to the night's encounter, Hemel had played five, lost five: Guildford Kings were unbeaten in three.

There are a number of reasons for this latter fact, the principal one being Tracy Pearson.

I personally do not rate Tracy as a boy's christian name, consequently none of my sons are called Tracy . . . but I would fight to the death for other peoples' right to use that name. Mr Pearson, known as TP, is 6ft 9in tall, has a 54in chest and weighs 21st. He is a happy extrovert, deceptively fast with an immaculate aiming arm and a huge smile.

You rather expect folks of his dimension to grace the defensive line of the Chicago Bears or perhaps that of the Scala Opera House. Not Pearson.

Dressed simply in shorts, singlet and lace up boots, he glides from one end of the court to another with lightning fluidity, bouncing the ball, feinting first to one side and then to the other, zipping passes at colleagues and receiving the return, then tucking it gently, cosily into the basket just above his shoulder.

Seven huge paces and he is defending his own basket, spoiling the attack, waving his huge arms like a pelican doing aerobics.

In the first 25 seconds, he scored twice; then he relaxed for a while. He knew that they knew that he could do it. Now he was going to have fun.

It is hard to gauge what will become of such a charismatic individual in so downmarket a sport. Budweiser, who have invested £1 million on a three-year sponsorship package, might steer him into pantomime to perform before the size of crowd that he deserves. There were 263 of us at Hemel.

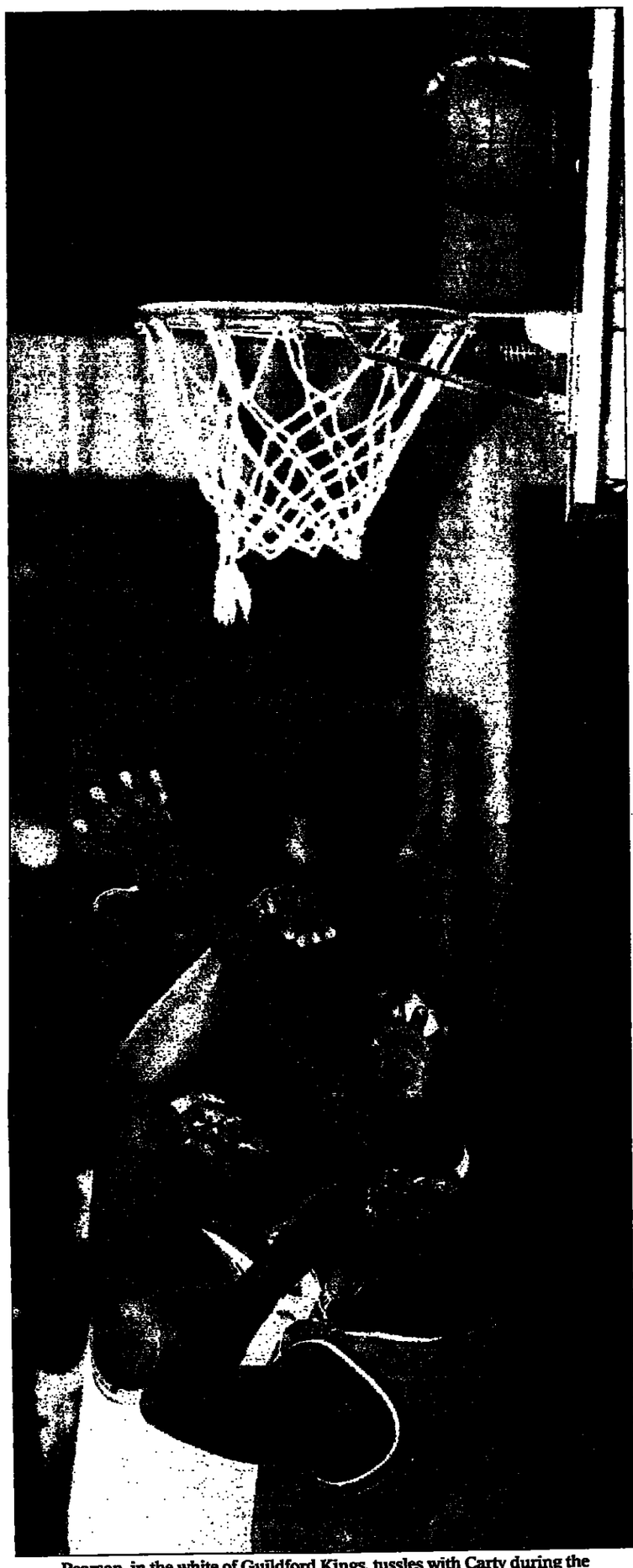
Perhaps Tracy and Twiggy as the ugly sisters will wow them at the Palladium with an added basketball routine to bring down the house.

To return to the centre, the Kings beat the Royals 134-94. Pearson scored 33 points. Carl Miller, though only 6ft 7in, is another man to watch.

At half-time, the Royalettes performed a handsome dance routine and around the arena no one got drunk or fought, argued with decisions, got arrested or evicted or behaved in any way not wholly to the credit of the local education authority.

If I had to put my money on the success of an emerging contact sport, this is the one. It has players who manifest skill, speed, balance, cunning and a sense of humour.

As Caesar so very nearly said: "Let me have men about me who are tall."



Pearson, in the white of Guildford Kings, tussles with Carty during the Budweiser League match at Dacorum. Photograph: Marc Aspland

Design teams baffled by FIA ruling

By Oliver Holt

FORMULA One's leading car designers were thrown into a fresh state of confusion yesterday as they grappled with the latest edict from the sport's governing body, the International Automobile Federation (FIA), on changes in technical regulations for next season.

Protracted wrangling appeared to have resulted in a hard-won, but half-hearted, agreement, thrashed out at the German grand prix in Hockenheim, to ban the computer-controlled active suspension systems used by the majority of teams to control the ride heights of their cars. However, although a meeting of the FIA world council in Paris on Monday confirmed the proscription of traction control, which eliminates wheel spin, and reaffirmed the introduction of refuelling stops during races, its pronouncements on active suspension were so nebulous they provoked a flurry of telephone calls between owners and designers anxious to decipher them.

Max Mosley, the FIA president, said active suspension would be allowed next season, "if it has no influence on the aerodynamics of the car". Some observers concluded he had performed a swift *volte face*, others that he was merely indulging in semantics.

"We had to make a decision about next year's cars some time ago," John Barnard, Ferrari's technical director said. "We decided to build a passive car and what happened yesterday is just for the politicians. There are all sorts of arguments about what influences the aerodynamics of a car, but the active suspension systems most teams have been using this season actually control the aerodynamics. It would be difficult to convince the scrutineers that those systems were legal under the new wording and I cannot believe that, having fought so hard to ban active suspension, the governing body would go back on it now."

Whatever the technical make-up of the cars, they will not be appearing at Donington. The Leicestershire circuit, which hosted the European grand prix in April, its first Formula One event, has been replaced in the provisional calendar by a Pacific grand prix in Japan. The South African grand prix, recently the curtain-raiser for the season, has been ousted by an Argentinian event.

The desertion of Donington is a bitter blow for its owner, Tom Wheatcroft, who spent millions of pounds bringing the track up to standard, but he is no doubt consoling himself with booming ticket sales for Nigel Mansell's competitive return to Britain in an invitation touring car event at the circuit on October 31.

PROVISIONAL 1994 DATES: Mar 20: Argentina. Mar 27: Brazil. Apr 17: Pacific. May 1: San Marino. May 15: Monaco. May 29: Spain. June 12: Canada. July 3: France. July 10: Great Britain. July 31: Germany. Aug 14: Hungary. Aug 28: Belgium. Sept 11: Italy. Sept 25: Portugal. Nov 6: Japan. Nov 13: Australia.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Women beat men in world challenge

BOWLS: Margaret Johnston and Janet Ackland, the present and former world outdoor champions, defeated their male counterparts, Tony Allcock and David Bryant, in the Potters Leisure world champions' challenge at Hopton-on-Sea, Norfolk, yesterday.

On the penultimate end, an accurate, aggressive delivery from Ackland ditched the jack to create a chance for a big count. Johnston drew close to the brink of the ditch and a count of three took the women to a lead of 10-8, which they stretched to 12-8 on the final end.

Margaret Lyne, of the Greenwich blind bowlers club, retained the women's B3 title in the fifth world visually handicapped championships in Canada on the greens that will be used for next year's Commonwealth Games. Peggy West, of West Suffolk, won the B1 (totally blind) gold medal, and Madge Morgan, of Cheltenham and Gloucester, took bronze in the B2 category.

Phillies in World Series

BASEBALL: The Philadelphia Phillies secured a place in the World Series with a 6-3 win over the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday night, completing a 4-2 victory in the National League championship series. The Phillies, who won three successive games after being 2-1 down, were indebted to Dave Hollins, who hit a two-run homer, and Darren Daulton and Mickey Morandini, who drove in two runs apiece. They meet the defending champions, the Toronto Blue Jays, in the World Series. The first match is in Toronto tomorrow.

Indians on the ball

CRICKET: The Indian authorities are to penalise ball-tampering in domestic competitions, a Board of Control for Cricket in India spokesman said yesterday. Umpires have been told to change the ball for one of substantially inferior quality if they detect an attempt to lift the seam. The rule is an experimental one for the season which has just started. Previously, the ball was replaced with one in similar condition. "Should the seam be lifted, the umpire shall change the ball for one of much inferior condition to that in use prior to the contravention," the rule says.

Student of strokeplay

CRICKET: Worcestershire and Worcester College of Higher Education are co-operating to offer the country's first cricket scholarship. Applicants will have to demonstrate academic ability to be given a place on a three-year main degree course and cricketing skills to receive coaching and a playing contract with the county club. Rev Mike Vockins, the county secretary, said: "This is not like American scholarships in which people go to college to play golf, athletics or whatever. The student will carry on with his normal studies and play cricket around them."

No change in Rome

SWIMMING: The seventh world championships are likely to take place, as planned, in Rome from September 1 to 11 next year after protests from national federations and the organising committee over a proposal to bring the competition forward by one week to ensure wider American television coverage. Carlo Gambelli, executive director of the organising committee, said: "It was impossible to change the dates." Competitors in the Commonwealth Games, which end in Canada on August 26, would have been worst affected. Swimmers need to acclimatise after long journeys.

Americans seeded

TENNIS: The United States were named joint top seeds for the 1994 Davis Cup yesterday, despite being knocked out in the first round of this year's competition. The Americans, who needed to win a play-off against the Bahamas to get back into the world group of the cup for next year, share top seeding with the 1988 and 1989 champions, Germany. Britain have been seeded in group one of the Euro/African zone and will play either Norway, Luxembourg, Portugal, Romania or Zimbabwe in the first round in March.

Spokesman appointed

CYCLING: The British Cyclo-Cross Association (BCCA), founded in 1954, has appointed Brian Furness, of Darlington, as its new general secretary. He will be the association's first full-time paid official at a time when the growing BCCA club membership has passed 400. Among 11 riders named yesterday to comprise Britain's senior amateur squad are Peter Stevenson, the national champion for the last two years, who lives in Belgium, and Roger Hammond, the junior world champion in 1992, who is at university.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

AARHUS: Danish Open tournament: Men's singles: First round: H Aasmom (Den) bt H Speare (Nor), 18-15, 15-3. H Bengtsson (Swe) bt M Soegaard (Den), 15-9, 18-14; J Oestergaard (Den) bt J (Den), 15-8, 17-15; F Jonassen (Den) bt J Svendsen (Den), 15-10, 15-7. P Knowles (Eng) bt N C Kaldau (Den), 15-7, 15-12. H Soerensen (Den) bt H Motoyama (Japan), 15-11, 15-5.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Championship series: Philadelphia Phillies 6, Atlanta Braves 3 (Philadelphia win series, 4-2).

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER PREMIER LEAGUE: Hemel Hempstead Royals 94, (Pringle 38, Koochoo 24), Guildford Kings 134 (Pearson 33, Baker 20); Leicester City Riders 77, (Tresvant 30, Waldron 19), Blue Circle Worthing Bears 87 (Hamed 28, Irish 21).

BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN: Heavyweight (6 rnds): Manny Burgo (North Shields) bt Carl Gaffney (Leeds), pts. (4 rnds). Kevin McBride (Clones) bt Chris Cloughlan (Swansea), pts. Cruiser (4 rnds). Paul Lawson (Bethnal Green) bt Art Stacey (Leeds), rsc 2nd rnd., Light (4 rnds): Pat Gallagher (Wood Green) bt Mike Morrison (Swansea), pts. Southern area heavyweight championship (10 rnds): James Oyebola (Paddington) bt Roger McKenzie (Peckham), rsc 1st. Vacant Commonwealth flyweight championship (12 rnds): Darren Fifield (Abingdon) bt Denny Porter (Hackney), rsc 9th. Bantam (4 rnds): Justin Murphy (Hove) bt Thomas Bernard (Bermondsey), rsc 1st. Super-feather (4 rnds). Chris Francis (Stepney) ko Anthony Wanza (Croydon), 2nd.

FOOTBALL

FA YOUTH CUP: Bristol Rovers 0, Torquay 0 Postponed: Chippenham v Havant.

Late results on Wednesday

WORLD CUP: European qualifying matches: Group one: Italy 3, Scotland 1 (in Rome), Portugal 1, Switzerland 0 (Oporto). Group two: Holland 2, England 0 (Rotterdam), Poland 0, Norway 3 (Poznan) Group three: Denmark 1, Northern Ireland 0 (Copenhagen), Republic of Ireland 1, Spain 0 (Cardiff), Romania 2, Belgium 1 (Bucharest), Group six: Bulgaria 4, Austria 1 (Sofia), Sweden 3, Cyprus 0 (Stockholm); France 3, Israel 3 (Paris).

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Italy 5, Scotland 2. Group four: Wales 6, Cyprus 2.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Germany 5, Uruguay 0 (in Karlsruhe)

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Brandon United 0, Dunston FB 4. Durham City 1, Newcastle Blue Star 1, Northallerton 2, Stockton 0

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Aston Villa 1, Manchester United 1, Wolverhampton 5, Sheffield Wednesday 0, York 0, Newcastle United 4. Postponed: Coventry City v Leeds United. Second division: Barnsley 1, Huddersfield 2; Burnley 4, Stoke 1, Oldham 2, West Bromwich 1; Tranmere Rovers 4, Hull City 2 Postponed: Port Vale v Middlesbrough, Mansfield v Rotherham

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Postponed: Tottenham v Millwall; Wimbledon v Bristol City League Cup: Cardiff City 0, Swansea City 0. Postponed: Exeter City v Yeovil.

SPRINGHEATH PRINT CAPITAL LEAGUE: Brentford 7, Barnet 0, Leyton Orient 0, Gillingham 1

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Fleetwood 0, Knowsley United 3. Postponed: Boston v Hyde.

SCHOOLS MATCH. Shrewsbury 2, Bradfield College 0

GOLF

DUNHILL CUP (at Old Course, St Andrews): Group one: Spain 2, Argentina 1 (J M Olazabal, 69, bt J Cocres, 72, M A Jimenez, 78, lost to V Fernandez, 74; J Rivero, 73, bt E Romero, 76 Zimbabwe 0, Ireland 3 (A Johnstone, 75, lost to P Rafferty, 74; M McNulty, 74, lost to P McGinley, 74 at 22nd; N Price 72 lost to D Feherty, 71.

Group two: South Africa 2, Taiwan 1 (F Allem, 71, bt Chung Chun-hsing, 80, E Els, 71, bt Chen Liang-tsai, 77; D Frost, 77, lost to Yuan Chang-chi, 73. England 3, Mexico 0 (P Baker, 73, bt C Espinoza, 75; N Faldo, 72, bt R Alarcon, 75; M James, 75, bt J Brito, 80.

Group three: Scotland 1, Paraguay 2 (S Torrance, 74, lost to C Franco, 70; G Brand Jr, 71, bt A Franco, 77; C Montgomerie, 75, lost to R Prates, 74). United States 3 Wales 0: J Daly, 72, bt M Mouland, 77; P Stewart, 78, bt P Mayo, 80, F Couples, 71, bt I Woosnam, 72.

Group four: Australia 1, Canada 2 (P Senior, 77, lost to R Zokol, 70, R Davis 71 lost to J Rutledge 71 at 19th, C Perry 73 bt D Barr 73 at 20th). Sweden 3, Japan 0 (J Parnevik, 68, bt T Nishikawa, 80; J Haeggman, 71, bt Y Mizumaki, 73; A Forsbrand, 73, bt T Yoneyama, 74.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NH): St Louis 5, Detroit 2, Hartford 4, Montreal 3; Toronto 7, Washington 1: NY Rangers 6, Quebec 4; Anaheim 4, Edmonton 3.

MOTOR RALLYING

SAN REMO RALLY: Final positions: 1, G Cunico (It), Ford Escort, 6hr 19min 40sec; 2, C Sainz (Sp), Lancia Delta HF, at 1min 39sec. World championship (after 11 races): Drivers: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), 111pts, 2, F Delecour (Fr), 82; 3, D Auriol (Fr), 71. ; 4, M Biasion (It), 56; equal 5, Sainz and C McRae (GB), 50. Manufacturers: 1, Toyota, 151pts; 2, Ford, 125; 3, Subaru, 100, 4, Lancia, 84; 5, Mitsubishi, 69.

REAL TENNIS

FONTAINEBLEAU: French Open: First round: H Latham (GB) bt C Ronaldson (GB), 1-6, 6-5, 6-4, 6-4; C Bray (GB) bt B McFarlane (Aus), 6-0, 6-0, 6-1; W Davies (Aus) bt A Phillips (GB), 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Wales A 24, North of England 8 (at Pontypool).

SCHOOLS MATCHES: RGS Guildford 14, Emanuel 10; Oakham 23, Welbeck College 3. Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: First round: Kingsbridge 9, Truro 15; King Edward's, Camphill 6, Warwick 0. Second round: Adams GS 0, Ellesmere College 15. Devon Cup: Quarter-final: Plymouth College 3, Kelly College 17.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Second division: Long Eaton 70, Glasgow 38.

TENNIS

BOLZANO: Men's tournament: First round: C Pioline (Fr) bt N Kulti (Swe), 6-3, 6-0. M Damm (Cz Rep) bt M Stich (Ger), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Second round: A Olhovskiy (Russ) bt P Morains (Ger), 6-2, 6-3, T Nyssen (Holl) bt R Agenor (Haiti), 6-4, 6-7, 6-4.

TOKYO, Seiko Super Indoor men's tournament, third round: T Martin (US) bt P Korda (Cz), 6-3, 6-3; G Rusedski (Can) bt (6) R Krajicek (Holl), 6-4, 6-7, 7-6, (7-2); I Landi (US) bt A Volkov (Rus), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bt J Svensson (Swe), 6-2, 6-4; P Haarhuis (Holl) bt G Ivanisevic (Cro), 6-2, 6-2; A Medvedev (Ukr) bt P Rafter (Aus), 6-4, 6-4; B Becker (Ger) bt P McEnroe (US), 6-1, 7-6, M Chang (US) bt (13) M Woodforde (Aus), 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

FILDERSTADT, Germany: Women's tournament: First round: Second round: M Pierce (Fr) bt M Kochta (Ger), 6-2, 7-5; N Medvedeva (Ukr) bt L Meskhi (Geo), 3-6, 6-3, 6-0; C Martinez (Sp) bt R Nideiter (SA), 6-2, 6-2; M Navratilova (US) bt E Manokova (Russ), 6-4, 6-2.

MONTPELLIER: Women's tournament: First round: S Maier (Ger) bt C Tanver (Fr), 7-6, 6-3; B Schett (Austria) bt Goronchategui (Arg), 6-1, 6-2; M Maleeva-Fragnière (Switz) walkover S Testud (Fr); E Kallens (Bel) bt S Testud (Fr), 6-4, 6-4. Second round: D Monami (Bel) bt P Paradis-Mangon (Fr), 6-2, 6-3; G Helgason (Cz) bt E Zardo (Switz), 6-3, 6-2; K Quintrec (Fr) bt N Baudone (It), 6-7, 6-1, 6-2; E Likhovtseva (Kaz) bt V Ruano-Pascual (Sp), 6-2, 6-3.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Bohemians v Shelbourne (8.0).

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Bristol Rovers (7.30).

RUGBY UNION

All 7.0

Club matches

Ebbw Vale v Blaina

Gloucester v Cardiff

Llanharan v Briton Ferry

Maesteg v Pontypool

Narberth v Kidwelly

Newport v Glamorgan W

Penarth v Cross Keys

South Wales Police v Bridgend

Tredegar v Newbridge

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Halifax v Salford (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Alfred Dunhill Cup (St Andrews).

SPEEDWAY: Phonesport Knock-Out Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Peterborough v Glasgow.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAYS FOUR MEETINGS

Newmarket

Going: good to soft

1.35 (1m 4f) 1, DERAB (B Rouse, 50-1); 2, Whitechapel (W R Swinburn, 7-1 fav); 3, Seasonal Splendour (G Bardwell, 50-1); 4, Highbrook (P Robinson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Pistol River, Deer Hunt, Tap On Air, 10 Tree Of Life (5th), Jezdah (6th), 14 Vrallslaw, Dreams End, Duksrame, 16 Castoret, 20 Caspian Tern, Jackpot Star, Yildiz, 25 Glide Path, Bay Queen, 33 Barratry, 50 Westfield Moves, 200 Our Slimbridge. 21 ran. Hd, 2l, nk, hd, 1¼l. S Sherwood at East Isley. Tote: £116.10; £10.70, £1.20, £16.80. £2.40. DF: £275.70. Trio £555.40 CSF: £339.90. Tricast: £14,850.82. 2mn 38.72sec.

2.05 (7f) 1, NORFOLK HERO (Pat Eddery, 16-1); 2, Jade City (N Carlisle, 20-1); 3, Shimillo (R Cochrane, 14-1 jt-fav); 4, Allinson's Mate (J Fortune, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 14-1 jt-fav Efhansto, Ghost Tree, Princely Favour, Simply Finesse, Sharp Prospect, Isaiah (6th), 18 Echo-Logical, Al Moufouki, Parliament Piece, Rock Miranda, Waffle On (5th), 20 Keyvee, Lee Artiste, Le Bambea, Rise Up Singing, 25 Amirati, 33 Marastani, Shikari's Son, Veloce, Perlay, Cyprian Dancer, Superoo, General John, 50 Absolute Magic. 28 ran. NR: Lord Alfie. ½l, hd, 1½l, sh hd, nk. D Murray Smith at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £26.60; £4.70, £5.50. £3.50, £12.30. DF: £314.70. Trio: not won. CSF: £278.05. Tricast: £4,131.68. 1min 28.43sec. Shimillo finished first but after a stewards' enquiry was disqualified and placed third.

2.35 (6f) 1, GADGE (M Roberts, 10-1); 2, Storey's Gate (W R Swinburn, 9-1 jt-fav); 3, Queen's Trust (N Carlisle, 12-1), 4, As The Savoy (C Rutter, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 9-1 jt-fav Dante's Rubicon, 10 Master O'Grady, 17 ran. ½l, 1l, 3½l, sh hd, ¾l. J Sutcliffe at Epsom. Tote: £18.20; £3.30, £2.70, £4.00, £3.10. DF: £40.20. Trio: £341.90. CSF: £90.74. Tricast: £1,008.85. 1min 17sec. After a stewards enquiry, result stood

3.10 (7f) 1, CATRAIL (M Roberts, 4-5 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent); 2, Robin des Pins (C Asmussen, 5-1); 3, El Duco (Pat Eddery, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Fraam (4th), 10 Hazaam (6th), 14 Thounos (5th), 20 Castleddu 7 ran. Hd, 2½l, 1½l, 3½l, hd. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.90. DF: £3.80 CSF: £5.16. 1min 27.92sec.

3.40 (7f) 1, SLMAAT (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, Mister Beat (D Holland, 14-1); 3, Million Lights (Pat Eddery, 5-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Moment of Glory, 8 Reminiscence (5th), 11 A Million Watts, Lute Isnt, 12 Once More For Luck, 14 Celestial Rumour (4th), 16 Kennet Boy, Night Snow, 20 Shuttlecock, Risk Of Fire, Just Greenwich, 25 Connect, Celestial Dance, 33 Classical, Kingscourt John-A, Mr Monarty, Mr Mystical, Only Fools, Pinatubo, Toton Lad, Waddle, Aileens Girl, Express Line, Koonoone Lady, Snowdon Sights, Sporting Story, Gigue (6th). 30 ran. Nk, sh hd, 4l, hd, hd. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £7.30; £2.90, £11.80, £2.20. DF: £494.80. CSF: £100.85. 1mn 28.97sec. Winner sold to G Farndon for 14,000gns.

4.10 (1m) 1, WEIGH ANCHOR (L Dettori, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Tom Weller (Pat Eddery, 10-1); 3, Bahaar (W R Swinburn, 4-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 8 Andi, 10 Flawed Logic, Rehlat Farah, Double Dagger (5th), 12 Stetlin (6th), 14 Meshed, Polo Kit, Sibelian Sound, 16 Take A Pew, 25 Keen Bid, County Set (4th), 33 Acerbus Dulcis, Bonitaccio Bandit, Little Brook, Perhaps, Sporting Script. 18 ran NR: Strategic Choice. 4l, 2½l, 1½l, 2½l, 3l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £15.00. CSF: £45.65

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, MEADOW PIPIT (M Roberts, 7-1); 2, Jura (W R Swinburn, 20-1); 3, Young Buster (Pat Eddery, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Icy South, 9-2 Perpendicular, 11-2 Lucky Lindy (4th), 6 Gone For A Burton (5th), 25 Top Regaster (6th), 33 Bolocardo, 100 Granadche. 10 ran. Hd, 2l, 2½l, 5l, 8l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £7.80; £2.80, £3.80, £1.20. DF: £69.30 CSF: £105.82. 2min 9.89sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

5.15 (1m) 1, WISHING (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav); 2, Top Guide (W R Swinburn, 13-2); 3, Wildan (W Carson, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7 High Accord, 8 Sea Raven, 10 Wilcuma, Truckhaven Secret (5th), 14 Sadler's Walk, 20 Tasi, 33 Abdullah, Lightning Quest, Roman Camp, Sandy Arbuthnot, Thunderheart, Mountain Ballet (6th), 50 Decent Cove, Emmonmantalis, Unbelievable, Regal Pursuit, Ilos Girl (4th). 20 ran. ½l, 3l, 1l, 1½l, 10l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.90; £1.30, £2.30, £2.00. DF: £5.40. CSF: £19 44. 1min 43.38sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £18734.69 carried forward to Newmarket today).

Placepot: £308.20.

Redcar

Going: soft

1.50 (7f) 1, BABY LOVES (Paul Eddery, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Co Pilot (A Munro, 9-1); 3, Lady Fairlee (G Duffield, 5-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Minstrel's Gift (5th), 5 Blushingbird, 8 Wild Rose of York (6th), 16 Mwaansd (4th), 50 Red Bouquet. 8 ran NR: Chamsilys. Sh hd, 1l, ¾l, ½l, 12l Mrs J Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £1.70, £2.40, £1.10. DF: £11.20 CSF: £24.22.

2.20 (6f) 1, CAPE MERINO (J Lowe, 33-1); 2, Risley (M Hills, 11-10 fav), 3, Bid For Blue (J Reid, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Pete Alnique, 12 Rozanzin, Snipe Hall, 14 Storm Ship, 16 Braille (6th), 20 Diligent Dodger, Takadou (4th), 33 Royal Insignia, William Tell, 40 Mr M-E-N, 50 Blazing Honda, Perusal, The Multilyorkar, 66 Indishra, Ochoe Rios, 100 Hello Mister, The Happy Loon, Grey Toppa, 150 Evanro, 200 Topnotch, Hiltons Invest, Semestan, Arabyotill (5th) 26 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 3l, ¾l, ¾l. A Smith at Beverley. Tote: £57.20; £8.80, £1.10, £3.20, £5.50. DF: £80.60. Trio: £220.10. CSF: £92.66.

2.50 (1m) 1, MISSED FLIGHT (G Duffield, 2-1 fav), 2, Majed (S Copp, 9-1); 3, Doc Cottrill (K Fallon, 12-1); 4, Infantry Glen (A Mackay, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Mhemeanies, 10 Harpoon Louie, Wainwright, 12 Raiters, Field Of Vision (6th), Moorish, 16 Media Messenger, 20 Danny Boy, Mogwai (5th), Host, Cool Luke, 25 Jahangir, 33 Spanish Verdict, 50 Kiveton Tycoon, 100 Shannon Express. 19 ran 2½l, 3½l, 2½l, 8l, ¾l. C Wall at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £1.70, £7.20. £13.20. DF: £15.60. Trio: £133.80. CSF: £22.62. Tricast: £185.46. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

3.20 (1m 6f 19yd) 1, SAFETY IN NUMBERS (J Quinn, 8-13 fav); 2, Quick Ransom (J Weaver, 6-1); 3, Star Player (J Williams, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Flight Lieutenant, 9 Roberty Lea (6th), 10 Last Embrace (4th), Much Sought After (5th). 7 ran. 2l, 5l, 4l, 4l, nk. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £1.80; £1.60, £2.10. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.49.

3.50 (1m 5f 139yd) 1, BOLD ELECT (L Charnock, 7-2); 2, Famous Beauty (A Garth, 20-1); Merry Mermaid (M Humphries, 11-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Cutlass (5th), 9 Robenko, 10 Reach For Glory, 12 Apache Squaw, Heathyards Boy (6th), 14 Shaffic (4th), 20 Scottish Wedding, Beaumood, 25 King's Guest, 50 Bank View, Wsom. 14 ran. NR: Beau Quest. ½l, 3l, 1l, 1½l, 12l. 3l. P Wigham at Melton. Tote: £5.00; £1.80, £7.20, £1.90. DF: £103.40. Trio: £201.50. CSF: £65.02. Tricast: £202.90.

4.20 (1m) 1, ART TATUM (J Reid, 9-4 fav); 2, Miss Freebie (A Culhane, 50-1); 3, Cristal Springs (K Darley, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 3 Kelafa (6th), 4 Divertimento, 7 Calling, 9 Alacrity (4th), 14 Sandmoor Chembssy (5th), 20 Direct, 33 Bampark Tenifirion Chief, 100 Astrology. 12 ran. 8l, 2½l, nk, sh hd, 10l R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £3.10; £1.80, £23.20, £5.80. DF: £58.80. CSF: £85.29.

4.50 (7f) 1, NIGHT MELODY (K Darley, 7-4 fav); 2, Great Steps (J Quinn, 16-1); 3, Celestial Key (O Pears, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 3 Faez (6th), 8 Tatika (5th), 20 Suvez (4th). 8 ran. 7l, sh hd, 8l, 4l, 4l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £3.80. DF: £15.30. CSF: £21.98.

Placepot: £18.10.

Taunton

Going: good

2.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Fatack (S Curran, 11-4 fav); 2, Shirley's Train (7-1); 3, Manmajan (8-2). 14 ran. 6l, 10l. Miss J Doyle. Tote: £3.40; £1.90, £1.80, £1.80. DF: £12.60. CSF: £19.92.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, Rathwinden House (G McCourt, 5-4 fav); 2, Wont Be Gone Long (5-1); 3, Knight Oil (3-1). 9 ran. 12l, 15l. T Thomson Jones. Tote: £2.20; £1.50, £2.00. £1.50. DF: £6.80 CSF: £7.57. Tricast: £13.77.

3.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, My Sister Lucy (T Jarvis, 3-1); 2, Missed The Boat (7-2), 3, Musical Phone (5-2 fav) 10 ran. NR: Hazasha. Hd, 1¾l. A Jarvis. Tote: £3.60; £1.40, £1.10, £1.30 DF: £5.90. CSF: £13.36. No bid.

3.45 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Abu Muslab (M A Fitzgerald, 20-1); 2, Kalanski (13-8 jt-fav); 3, Doc Cottrill (K Fallon, 12-1); 4, Infantry Glen (A Mackay, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Mhemeanies, 10 Harpoon Louie, Wainwright, 12 Raiters, Field Of Vision (6th), Moorish, 16 Media Messenger, 20 Danny Boy, Mogwai (5th), Host, Cool Luke, 25 Jahangir, 33 Spanish Verdict, 50 Kiveton Tycoon, 100 Shannon Express. 19 ran 2½l, 3½l, 2½l, 8l, ¾l. C Wall at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.10, £1.70, £7.20. £13.20. DF: £15.60. Trio: £133.80. CSF: £22.62. Tricast: £185.46. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

4.15 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Violet's Boy (C Maude, 33-1); 2, Tour Leader (33-1); 3, Chickabiddy (16-2). Debacle 6-4 fav 14 ran. 1¼l, 10l. P Hobbs. Tote: £27.40; £6.20, £9.40, £1.80. DF: unbacked (pool of £640.25 carried forward to Newmarket today). CSF: £715.67.

4.45 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Spring To Glory (A Maguire, 5-1 fav); 2, Nick The Dreamer (7-1); 3, Sailor Blue (12-1); 4, Man From Mars (6-1) 18 ran. ¾l, 2½l. P Hayward. Tote: £5.80; £1.50, £2.60, £4.10, £2.60. DF: £28.50. CSF: £39.48 Tricast: £379.71.

Placepot: £431.90.

Hexham

Going: soft

2.00 (2m) 1, Seven Towers (P Niven, 1-2 fav); 2, Back Before Dawn (7-2); 3, Royal Surprise (8-1). 7 ran. 10l, 6l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £1.80; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.02.

2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, Bennan March (A Dobbin, 7-2); 2, Sancedoe (4-1); 3, Boomerazer's Dream (9-2) The Waltzing Mouse 5-4 fav. 5 ran. 10l, sh hd. P Monteith. Tote: £5.10; £1.10, £2.40. DF: £24.50. CSF: £15.30.

3.00 (2m hdle) 1, Cheeky Pot (P Waggott, 6-5 fav); 2, Hypnotist (8-1); 3, Stage Fell (3-1). 8 ran. 6l, 4l. Dennys Smith. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £1.20, £1.30. DF: £3.80 CSF: £10.83. Tricast: £22.07.

3.30 (2m 110yd) 1, Positive Action (A Dobbin, 4-6 fav); 2, One For The Pot (9-1); 3, Wild Atlantic (8-1). 5 ran. 1l, 3½l. M Barnes. Tote: £1.20; £1.30, £1.30. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3.56.

4.00 (3m 1f ch) 1, Portswopia (Mr D Parker, 100-30); 2, Abercromby Chief (4-1); 3, Choctaw (7-2). Rustino 11-4 fav. 6 ran. 2l, 16l. C Parker. Tote: £3.80; £2.10, £5.80. DF: £12.70. CSF: £16.45.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, Red Marauder (J Supple, 33-1); 2, The Premier Expres (3-1); 3, Regal Aura (7-2). Beyrak 6-4 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, 3l. N Mason. Tote: £36.30; £4.80, £1.10, £1.30. DF: £27.50. CSF: £124.70.

Placepot: £137.00.

☐ Ray Cochrane was handed a four-day ban (Oct 23-26 inclusive) by the Newmarket stewards after Shintillo was demoted from first to third in the Fordham Handicap. Walter Swinburn was banned for the same period, having been found guilty of careless riding on Jura in the Severals Conditions Stakes.

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Coach with rage for perfection prepares to tackle New Zealand

Britain in good health leading the life of Reilly

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

A BULLDOG called Matilda will lead the Great Britain rugby league team out at Wembley tomorrow, closely followed by Malcolm Reilly, distinguishable by the deeper-set scowl and squarer jaw.

If anything can intimidate New Zealand's strong young side, it is the sight of the Britain coach, his features locked in a perpetual, steely glare. Intense is Reilly's favourite word and one of the few to accurately describe him. He demands intense commitment and, in turn, repays it with intense loyalty to his club, Halifax, and Britain.

Both would be lost without him, yet Reilly remains a tormented soul, one part coach and still three parts player. Even if Britain beat Australia, the world champions, in a series, which is Reilly's burning ambition as coach, it would not quite be enough. He would not have taken part and acceptance, at 45, that his days on the field are over is painfully hard.

On tour, it has taken considerable effort on Reilly's part not to name himself on the team-sheet. "When the lads are warming up beforehand, I feel what they feel," he said. "You can see things happening that possibly you could alter, particularly if you keep yourself in any kind of condition."

Reilly is a model of physical fitness. In the weights room, players find themselves struggling to keep up with him. Relaxing does not come easily, if at all. During a go-kart race in New Zealand last year, the tour party thought he was seriously injured after he overturned his machine. Reilly dusted himself down, righted the vehicle and was incensed at finishing second.

It is a rage for perfection that remains undimmed. As a player, he was a magnificent obsessive. Little has changed. "The pursuit of excellence is what the game is about," he said. "Isn't that what everything is about?" As a result, Reilly prepares intensively.

When all the preparation possible is not enough, the competitive beast rises up. "Why is it that we're held back by the media's love affair with rugby union? If they want to compare the two sports, let's have a direct confrontation, for charity: Great Britain Rugby League v England Rugby Union. Half a game of each. Simple."

It is not, of course, but Reilly

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is honest when he says that he would do anything to further rugby league's cause. Unfailingly modest, he does not flaunt his own considerable achievement in regenerating the national side since taking over as coach in 1987 and thus the domestic game as a whole.

Instead, he is consumed by the constant need to improve. "Yes, we've beaten Australia three times recently, but they've been one-offs. We've not had the intensity over the series," he said. He sees Australia as two years ahead in terms of physical development — "the game is more than ever about the combination of power and speed" — and notes New Zealand's significant progress with the game's newfound popularity there.

In England, there is not the same profile or development structure. Clubs' financial survival is tied to players sometimes enduring 50 or more games a season. All this weighs heavily on him. There are fleeting moments when he feels like packing it in, the worst after Britain lost the World Cup final to Australia 12 months ago, although life without Reilly is something Britain dare not contemplate.

Over his six years in charge, 26 of 39 matches have been won, compared to only 13 of the previous 39. Two series against New Zealand have been won, another drawn. But it is the series losses to Australia that cause the sickness, which is sometimes physical, he feels in defeat.

As a player, first with Castleford and later with Manly-Warringah, in Sydney, who he joined with the aim of developing himself, Reilly achieved against Australia in 1970 what he has yet to do as a coach — win a series. He is a disciplinarian, born partly, it seems, out of envy of his players, yet he commands respect. "It's a madness with him almost, but you can't help but get infected by it," one said.

A member of his Halifax side made the mistake recently of writing "We won" in the list of personal successes, part of Reilly's meticulous after-match analysis. "I told him, 'It's not good enough to be satisfied that we won. The defence must be solid, every tackle made, every run supported'."

Physically and technically, Reilly has brought about impressive changes to the national set-up. This will mean little if New Zealand are not beaten over three matches in the next three weeks. At Wembley, the cameras will focus on the unblinking gaze. "Inside I'll be churning," Reilly said, "and, doubtless, wishing, if only . . ."

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Reilly, who has regenerated the Great Britain side, directs operations in training

Endeavour stretches advantage over Tokio

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

THE Whitbread Round the World Race fleet continued to make fast headway down the Brazilian coast yesterday with the crews enjoying 20 to 25knot beam winds as they passed Salvador.

The conditions helped Grant Dalton's maxi, New Zealand Endeavour, to pull away from Chris Dickson's second-placed Whitbread 60 yacht, Tokio, which lost ten miles overnight. That could all change, though, if the wind swings round to the north, as it is forecast to do, and remains strong enough to push the Japanese-New Zealand entry to surfing speeds.

Yesterday, however, life on board Tokio was tense. "It's all work and no play, with little rest," Dickson said. "Patches of sleep are snatched only when possible. But it is incredibly exciting, with position reports every six hours."

The boat that made the biggest gains again yesterday was Ross Field's rival New Zealand entry, Yamaha, which finally began to reap a reward for steering a course further east to the leaders. For two days, Field and his crew have been sailing a knot faster than the six leaders and, early yesterday, they overtook Roger Nilson's European entry, Intrum Justitia. Within 12 hours, they had opened up a 27-mile lead and gained 20 miles on the Spanish entry, Galicia 93, and Winston, skippered by Dennis Conner.

Brooksfield, the Italian yacht, skippered by Guido Maisto, which lost 250 miles on the fleet early in the race after putting in to Brest to replace a broken rudder, is also recovering, overhauling Dolphin & Youth Challenge.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 14:00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay). Maxi class: 1, NZ Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 1,532 miles; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 1,601; 3, La Poste (D Malle, Fr) 1,635; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 2,115. Whitbread 60 class: 1, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 1,589; 2, Galicia 93 (Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 1,601; 3, Winston (D Conner, US) 1,678; 4, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 1,687; 5, Intrum Justitia (R Nilson, Eswl) 1,714; 6, Brooksfield (G Maisto, It) 1,900 (estimate); 7, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 1,918; 8, US Women's Challenge (N Frank, US) 1,960; 9, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr) 2,077; 10, Odessa Moscow Times (A Verba, Ukr) 4,106

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Ipswich system delivers results

BY ALIX RAMSAY

IF ATTACK is the best form of defence, then Ipswich can be said to have begun an all-out assault to retain their national women's hockey league title. With Leicester and Slough — level on points but behind the champions on goal difference — playing each other, the league leaders know that victory tomorrow over Sutton Coldfield could pull them clear of the pack.

Taking maximum points from their first three games has proved their new coaching set-up is working and that their new system, giving Vickey Dixon more freedom to attack from the back, is proving its worth.

"Sutton Coldfield have got some flair players," Sandie Lister, the England and Ipswich captain said. "We have to take note of their strengths but not lose sight of the way we play best, which is to move the ball early and put teams under pressure."

Lister, who has 178 indoor and outdoor caps for England and Great Britain, is leading an ambitious team from an ambitious club, knowing that anything less than a repeat of last season's achievements will be construed as failure.

"We have Europe to look forward to this season and we set ourselves high standards. That puts pressure on us," she said. "Our target is to be on top or in touch by the Christmas break. If we're not within striking distance in December, we'll be very disappointed."

Disappointment is certainly not on Ipswich's agenda for tomorrow's match between teams that both have ten present or past internationals in their squads. Lister's international team-mate, Jane Sixsmith, will be leading Sutton Coldfield's challenge.

Although her side will be buoyed up by their first win of the season last weekend, Sixsmith knows the champions will be tough to topple. "They haven't really got any weaknesses," she said, "but with our squad, our strength and a positive attitude, we know we are always capable of winning."

SPORTS LETTERS

Split second difference

From Dr S. Kendrick

Sir, Several times during the past athletics season, there were suggestions that runners with the same fastest times, to an accuracy of one hundredth of a second, should be declared equal winners. The case for doing this is made stronger by the fact that, on the start, the runners hear the gun at times differing by far more than a hundredth of a second.

Since the velocity of sound is around 1,000ft a second, the runner nearest to the gun will hear the sound one hundredth of a second before a runner 10ft further away. In some races, the difference in the time of hearing the gun could differ by five hundredths of a second and much more with staggered starts. Missing or breaking a world record by one hundredth of a second is meaningless as long as a gun is used.

Many other forms of racing — for example sailing and grand prix motor racing — use a visual signal and athletics needs to do the same or abandon any pretence to hundredth of a second accuracy.

Yours faithfully,
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Extra round is best solution

From Mr Mark Hannen

Sir, After the drawn world super-middleweight championship bout between Chris Eubank and Nigel Benn (report, October 11), I agree wholeheartedly with the sentiments of the co-promoter, Don King, about resolving such matters.

With a drawn bout being an anti-climax to all parties — performers, spectators, promoters and prospective opponents — a more satisfactory and positive result is required.

In many major sports, such as tennis, golf and basketball, the participants know exactly what is required of them as their event reaches its climax. So, why not have in boxing an extra round as a tie-breaker?

Surely, too, the judges declaring their scores round by round would be in everyone's interests.

Yours sincerely,
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West Yorkshire.

From Mr Gerard T. Bithell

Sir, Mr N. Bradford (Sports Letters, October 7) is perfectly correct to criticise the treatment of Lennox Lewis. Thank goodness for a serious, articulate champion, who can box and live with the best in the business.

The passing of Bruno is a great relief to real boxing fans. As the clown prince of the ring, he could prove extremely irritating to those interested in the progress of British heavyweight boxing and was so carefully managed that he inevitably fell apart when faced with any opposition of quality.

The image cultivated by television helped to sustain the myth of Bruno the people's champion and the image of the amiable giant.

Silly catch-phrases and appalling grammar are no substitute for boxing skill, intelligent comments and a serious attitude to a wonderful sport.

Long may Lewis represent the best of British heavyweights.

Yours faithfully,
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Rugby could copy cricket

From Dr Valerie Goldberg

Sir, On a number of occasions that I have watched rugby union matches from behind the try-line, I have seen tries disallowed because the referee was unsighted by the crush of bodies in a scrum, while the nearby spectators could see clearly that a try had been scored.

On the other hand, I have seen cases where a try has been allowed although a defender got to the ball first.

In cricket, it is customary for a batsman to ask the fielder concerned whether or not a catch has been taken cleanly, in cases where the umpire was unsighted. Wouldn't it be possible to adapt this practice to the situation I have described in rugby? Alternatively, it might be helpful to have an extra touch judge patrolling each try-line to adjudicate on this point.

Yours faithfully,
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Time to change bonus scheme

From Mr Roy E. Jones

Sir, After the first year of operation, it is interesting to note the effects which the changes to the format of the county cricket championship have had on batting and bowling bonus points.

Each county, on average, obtained three fewer bowling points in 1993 than in 1992, a reduction of just over five per cent, showing that the additional 20 overs available for bonus points almost compensated for the five fewer matches played. In fact, four counties managed to increase the number of bowling points obtained.

This contrasts starkly, however, with batting points, where each county, on average, obtained 23 fewer points than in 1992, a reduction of over 40 per cent, showing that the additional 20 overs available nowhere near compensated for the combination of fewer matches and the increase in the number of runs required for points. Not one county came near even equalling the number of such points obtained in 1992.

Since the present bonus points system began in 1968 the number of bowling points per county has consistently exceeded batting points by about 30 per cent. On the evidence of 1993, this has been extended to over 50 per cent.

The authorities might now consider redressing the imbalance between batting and bowling points. I would favour the retention of 120 overs available for bonus points, but revert to 150 runs as the starting-point for batting points, with an additional point for each 50 runs scored up to 400, making a maximum of six batting points.

Yours faithfully,
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Road to recovery

From Mr H. N. Neal

Sir, In his report on the veterinary treatment required by Lemon Souffle after her injury in the Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket (September 30), Julian Muscat stated that the racecourse vet was a helpless bystander and wrongly named the veterinary practice that provided treatment.

In fact, the veterinary surgeon on duty arranged the filly's immediate transference to Greenwood, Ellis and Partners, near the racecourse. There are excellent facilities at Newmarket racecourse, but such a potentially serious wound is best treated at a fully equipped clinic.

Lemon Souffle is making good progress in her healing and recuperation.

Yours faithfully,
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All in a name

From Mr L. N. Beineke

Sir, With regard to your entertaining piece on the Mighty Ducks and other American sports teams (October 6), not all teams have names resonant with power and aggression.

For example, among the major league baseball teams we find the Orioles and the Angels (not to mention the Royals).

Some university names, among them the Buckeyes (horse chestnuts), of Ohio State, the Student Princes, of Heidelberg, and the Banana Slugs, of California at Santa Cruz, betray a little more humour on the American sports scene than your writer, Simon Barnes, might be willing to credit.

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Return to days of open play as Japanese handle tour with style



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby Commentary

Japan's tour to Wales draws to a close tomorrow, but for some reason — perhaps not having their full complement of players, perhaps having too strong a fixture list — they have not captured the imagination quite the way their predecessors did.

What they have done, by way of small hints, is to offer some relief from the stereotype tactics that have engulfed rugby union over the last six years. In adversity, since they cannot rely on big men, Japan have been forced to employ different tactics. The art of playing any game is to determine a temple and strategy that accord to your team's needs.

Japan have attempted not to be embroiled in the tight phases — although, on Tuesday, they scored from a prolonged rolling maul — and have preferred to keep the ball moving. In this way, the opposition is not given time to reorganise in the way that invariably occurs in this country. Nagatomo and Kutsuki, scrum half and centre, are a delight.

Kutsuki returned to the tour after his mother's death. No replacement had been called for and no petulantly sulky behaviour arose of the kind exhibited in similar circumstances by the Lions in New Zealand in the summer. From which lesson in decorum others may care to learn.

Isolated moments during the tour have confirmed that the strategy which determines almost every other country's play nowadays is monotone. The evidence, in the southern hemisphere during the summer as much as the five nations' championship last winter, suggests that what happens with, say, Scotland in the north, is no different from what happens on New Zealand's southern most point. The difference lies in efficiency, not style.

The bludgeoning techniques at forward, the constant driving off the mauls to commit bodies into the tackle, are identical. The multiple attempts to suck in players on the fringes are predictable, as are the head-on charges. Who is there, nowadays, who thinks of scoring a try from first-phase play?

Casting eyes across the water, there are those who see rugby union developing along similar lines to America's version of rugby. Gridiron, by its very design, addresses itself more single-mindedly to size, power and strength. It is more physically confrontational and intimidating. Their protective clothing is testimony to the way they perceive their game and its intentions.

Rugby union, potentially more fluid, traditionally less rigid in its pattern and hitherto more varied in the characteristics and composition of its players, is closing down the options the game afford.

This is the legacy of Shelford's great All Black team which went 23 international matches without defeat in the Eighties. Thereafter, most teams, clubs and national, have attempted to emulate them regardless of ability and temperament.

Australia, however, still play to traditional strengths. But what of Scotland, Ireland and Wales? Are France any longer any different from England? Their traditions hint that they should be. It seems a northern hemisphere problem.

Earlier this summer, the British Isles team spoke of a British style. This, I believe, has something to do with running and passing in the open spaces; exploring the full width of the pitch instead of half of it. But, by the end, the Lions style had become indistinguishable from the All Blacks. This, primarily, accounted for their defeat.

To hope to beat the All Blacks at their own game is pure moonshine. You may surprise them once, but not twice. They simply understand the requirements better. A break from the confrontational style is necessary. The next dominant team may well be the one to do so.

Wales, if they have learned anything from the Japanese, need to get away from this and learn how to pass again. We shall see, next month against the All Blacks, whether England should.

All Blacks suffer more disruption

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

NEW Zealand's touring party will be glad to board their flight for London on Sunday without further disruption. Besides losing two players, Michael Jones and Walter Little, through injury, two members of the party faced an eleventh-hour judicial hearing in Auckland earlier today.

The Otago back-row forwards, Arran Pene and Jamie Joseph, became embroiled in an incident during last Sunday's national championship final against Auckland, for which one player, the Auckland lock, John Chandler, has already been suspended for three matches. The last thing the All Blacks selectors need now is withdrawals for disciplinary reasons.

Joseph was suspended last year after a stamping incident during the centenary series against a World XV (and that record can be taken into account if the New Zealand Rugby Football Union's judicial committee is in punitive mood) while Pene has attracted attention this year for what has been viewed as over-vigorous play. Both players must be regarded as members of the first-choice New Zealand XV.

At least there were no further injury blows. During training, Marc Ellis, whose previous representative rugby has been at centre or wing with Otago, played stand-off half, so he may emerge as the main rival to Stephen Bachop, his provincial colleague, with Lee Stensness being kept at inside centre.

With interest in the tour building — a crowd of nearly 50,000 is expected at Twickenham for the first game, against London, and only a handful of tickets remain of the 15,000 available at Redruth against the South-West — the North's preparations have been disrupted by injury.

Dewi Morris, the England scrum half, misses their game against London at Newcastle tomorrow with a shoulder injury, so David Scully, of Wakefield, retains the place he occupied with distinction in the 24-8 defeat by Wales A on Wednesday night.

The North, whose meeting with the New Zealanders on November 2 will be the first time rugby union has been played at Anfield, home of Liverpool FC, will have Ian Hunter and Tim Rodber in their XV but move Jim Mallinder from full back to wing in place of Spencer Bromley.

NORTHERN DIVISION (v London), I Hunter (Northampton); J Sleightholme (Wakefield), M Fielden (Northampton), K Simms (Liverpool St Helens, captain), J Mallinder (Sale), P Grayson (Northampton), D Scully (Wakefield); M Hynes (Orrell), S Mitchell (West Hartlepool), S McMain (Sheffield), T Rodber (Northampton), J Dixon (West Hartlepool), D Baldwin (Sale), N Ashurst (Orrell), A Macfarlane (Sale). Replacements: J Naylor (Orrell), G Ainscough (Orrell), S Douglas (Newcastle Gosforth), P Lancaster (West Hartlepool), G French (Orrell), C Vyvyan (Wharfedale).

☐ The former Australian wing, Ian Williams, wins his first cap for Japan in the international against Wales in Cardiff tomorrow, but there is no place for Tupo Faamasino, who appeared for Western Samoa against the Welsh in 1988.

SW4; M P Hayton, Preston, Lancs; Henbury, Macclesfield, Ches; P London N8; P L Skidmore, Bristol; Bristol; T A Wilkins, London Sevenoaks, Kent; L Knowles, Shepherd's Bush, London.

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Smith denies the big battalions

Julian Muscat finds a winning trainer uncomfortable in the glare of publicity


TED DITCHBURN

Cape Merino, ridden by John Lowe, lands the Tote Trophy from the favourite Risky, left, and Bid For Blue

YORKSHIREMAN Alf Smith is a character to conjure with. Here he stood, having landed the biggest possible jackpot, showing all the emotion of a statue. Aged 70, Smith's beady eye may have seen it all before, but he must have felt warm inside. He had just saddled the unconsidered Cape Merino to win the £88,900 prize in the Tote Two-Year-Old Trophy at Redcar yesterday.

He also collected *the small* matter of a £100,000 bonus to the successful trainer if his juvenile string numbered less than four. Smith qualified easily: Cape Merino is the only two-year-old in his team of nine.

If this unconventional race accentuates racing's north-south divide, there could be no better illustration than the trophy presentation, made on behalf of the sponsor by Lord Wyatt, its chairman. Wyatt, the political commentator who stalks Westminster's corridors, had some words for the Beverley-based Smith.

"You have ruffled a few feathers, you know," said the flamboyant Wyatt, resplendent in the obligatory bow-tie and large cigar. "Have I?" enquired Smith, who later confessed to the urge to dissolve into the crowd as anonymously as he had emerged from it. He would celebrate later — with a cup of tea.

Risky, the 11-10 favourite to repeat Richard Hannon's victory with Pips Pride last year, was compromised by the sixth and final furlong in finishing second, with stablemate, Bid For Blue, in third. But this was a day for the small owner and trainer, for whom this race was designed.

Established four years ago, the contest is largely funded by owners, who this year contributed £123,000 — 83 per cent — of the £148,000 prize-money. It may be unkind to describe it as an equine lottery at £1,000 a ticket, or entry fee, but such is its open nature that owners cannot resist it.

It is a race for which Redcar chairman, Lord Zetland, can take the credit. Zetland, whose family have run Redcar since 1888, has put the racecourse back on the map through this and extensive renovations benefiting stable staff, the public and horses alike.

Redcar nestles at the foot of the Cleveland Hills, its otherwise picturesque setting marred by the billowing chimneys of a nearby chemical plant. The racecourse borders on some famous horse territory. Marske, a neighbouring town, lent its name to a horse who sired the great Eclipse, founder of the modern thoroughbred.

As the 26 runners circled the paddock, the enthusiastic yelps of schoolchildren at play penetrated the air. Jockeys added a splash of colour, and a brass band belted out tunes that hinted at Redcar's former glories as a popular seaside resort.

Yesterday, though, was one for the more modest among racing's players; for people like Smith, who has quietly been plying his trade for 42 years. The silks of Hugh Ellis, Cape Merino's owner, offered more than a clue of what was to follow. The sleeves of Ellis's jacket were officially the colour of champagne.

Catrail advertises claim to Breeders' Cup place

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

CATRAIL struck a rare blow for the classic generation by winning the Challenge Stakes at Newmarket yesterday, and earned the possibility of a ticket to the Breeders' Cup in California.

John Gosden, who trained successfully on the west coast of America before setting up in Newmarket five years ago, is clearly relishing the prospect of taking a strong team to the United States next month. Both Catrail and Wolfhound are pencilled in for the Breeders' Cup Mile, which is run around two turns of the Santa Anita track, while Muhtarram is a possibility for the Breeders' Cup Turf.

Only a handful of British trained three-year-olds have beaten older horses in group one and two races this year, but Catrail justified market *support to thwart the trend* in the Challenge Stakes. It was, though, a close run thing as the fast finshing five-year-old, Robins Des Pins, reduced the margin to a neck.

"Michael said he hated the ground, never took hold of the bit and was not happy going down to the start or at any time during the race. Perhaps we were lucky to get away with it," Gosden said "He'll get fast ground at Santa Anita for sure, if he gets in the race."

The Newmarket trainer's pessimism continued as he warned backers that Muhtarram would not be suited by the softened ground in tomorrow's Champion Stakes. The Irish Champion Stakes *winner yesterday forfeited* favouritism to Hatoof. "We have had record rainfall in the last five days and no matter how quickly the course dries you cannot take four or five inches of rain without it having some affect." Gosden said.

Catrail's victory in the feature race of the day formed the second leg of a 1,266-1 four-timer for Michael Roberts, completed by Gadge, Slmaat and Meadow Pipit.

The most significant performance in terms of next season was recorded by Weigh Anchor, who won the first division of the Chesterton Maiden Stakes in impressive style. Ian Balding, trainer of the well-backed winner, reflected: "He won in style, didn't he? We may come back here for the listed Zetland Stakes over a mile and a quarter."

☐ Chester Barnes, assistant to Martin Pipe, was in intensive care in Torbay hosptial last night after suffering a *heart attack. The former* British table tennis champion was taken to hospital early yesterday after feeling unwell.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Star Of The Dance (5.15 Newmarket)
Nb: Rory (4.15 Newmarket)

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NEWMARKET

THUNDERER

1.30 Swedish Invader; 2.00 Kalkabrino; 2.35 Amazing Feat; 3.05 Relatively Special; 3.40 Grand Lodge; 4.15 Harding; 4.50 **COLLIER BAY** (nap); 5.15 Star Of The Dance

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Gabr. 3.40 **GRAND LODGE** (nap). 4.15 Nawafell.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT SOFT — DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE — SIS

1.30 NEWMARKET CHALLENGE CUP
(2-Y-O: 7f: no prize-money) (3 runners)

1 (3) 3 RESPONSE 18 (W Leach) J Scargill 9-0 — R Cochrane 75
2 (1) 22 SWEDISH INVADER 18 (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 — W R Swinburn 92
3 (2) 32023 TOM MORGAN 10 (V) (P Walwyn) P Walwyn 9-0 — Pat Eddery 99

BETTING: 6-4 Tom Morgan, 13-8 Swedish Invader, 2-1 Response.

1992: MUNNASIB 9-0 W R Swinburn (2-1) A Scott 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

RESPONSE 2¼l 3rd of 14 to Fawlty Towers in a maiden auction at Southwell (7f, soft). SWEDISH INVADER 5l 2nd of 15 to Sparkling Lyric in a maiden auction at Southwell (7f, good). TOM MORGAN 2½l 2nd of 8 to Lime Street Blues in a maiden at Nottingham on penultimate start (6f, heavy).
Selection: TOM MORGAN

2.00 EBF SNAILWELL MAIDEN STAKES
(Div I: 2-Y-O: £5,708: 6f) (19 runners)

1 (10) COUNTRY STAR (F Salman) H Candy 9-0 — A Munro —
2 (6) 0 DEEPLY VALE 15 (K Higson) G L Moore 9-0 — B Rouse —
3 (11) KALKABRINO (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 — J Reid —
4 (12) 35 LAFTAH 29 (BF) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) B Hanbury 9-0 — M Roberts 85
5 (17) 0 NIGHT IN A MILLION 15 (Million In Mind Partnership) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 — Paul Eddery —
6 (18) NUMBERED ACCOUNT (Highclere Ltd) W Haggas 9-0 — R Hills —
7 (5) RED EARTH (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0 — Pat Eddery —
8 (9) SHARP REBUFF (D Ahier) P Makin 9-0 — T Sprake —
9 (19) 05 SHAYNES DOMAIN 11 (Cross Lorraine Ltd) J Sutcliffe 9-0 — J Williams 57
10 (13) 0 TABOOK 155 (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-0 — W R Swinburn —
11 (14) TOP TYCOON (Mrs A Valentine) R Hannon 9-0 — K Darley —
12 (15) YET MORE ROSES (M Abbott) P Cole 9-0 — T Quinn —
13 (3) CLASSY (Mrs J Corbett) B Hills 8-9 — W Carson —
14 (16) DONA DELLE ROSE (M Parrish) J Troy 8-9 — W Newnes —
15 (4) DIABAIG (M Sinclair) M Jarvis 8-9 — P Robinson —
16 (8) 0 LADY VALENSINA 23 (Food Brokers Ltd) D Elsworth 8-9 — C Asmussen —
17 (7) 0 PRESENTLY 75 (Mrs A Yearley) M Bell 8-9 — W Ryan —
18 (2) ST LOUIS LADY (Mrs S Thomas) W Jarvis 8-9 — M Tebbutt —
19 (1) 2 TZU'MU 22 (Sir Philip Oppenheimer) G Wragg 8-9 — M Hills 89

BETTING: 2-1 Kalkabrino, 11-4 Tzu'mu, 4-1 Red Earth, 8-1 Classy, Laftah, Yet More Roses, 14-1 others.

1992: FELUCCA 8-9 Pat Eddery (8-11 fav) H Cecil 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

LAFTAH about 4l 5th of 10 to Alaskan Heir in a maiden at Lingfield (7f 140yd, soft). SHAYNES DOMAIN about 11½l 5th of 10 to Salvezza in a maiden auction at Warwick (6f, soft). TABOOK 14l 7th of 10 to State Performer in a maiden at York (6f, good). TZU'MU 2½l 2nd of 8 to Tablah in a conditions race at Ascot (6f, good to soft)
Selection: TZU'MU

2.35 BARING INTERNATIONAL DARLEY STAKES — C4
(Listed race: £10,116: 1m 1f) (11 runners)

1 (2) 213114 JOHN BALLIOL 15 (F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) D Loder 5-9-4 — M Roberts 88
2 (8) 061321 AMAZING FEAT 8 (F,G,S) (P Savill) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0 — K Darley 92
3 (11) 214531 GABR 14 (C,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-9-0 — W Carson 92
4 (9) 1-33664 MR MARTINI 9 (F,G) (Parrot Racing) C Brittain 3-8-10 — R Cochrane 82
5 (5) 1-430 REVERE 79 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-10 — A Munro 88
6 (3) 11364 SOVIET LINE 14 (BF,G) (M Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-10 — W R Swinburn 88
7 (10) 111-533 TAOS 27 (V,F,S) (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-10 — L Dettori 92
8 (4) 1-20242 WHARF 14 (C,BF,F,G) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 3-8-10 — Pat Eddery 92
9 (6) 2-25230 CLOUD OF DUST 12 (F,G,S) (Miss P Kwoh) J Dunlop 4-8-9 — T Quinn 89
10 (7) 0 RISIO SANDS 174 (Mrs S Willis) F O'Mahony 4-8-9 — J Quinn —
11 (1) 315042 JETBEEAH 21 (V,G) (B Muscatah) J Fanshawe 3-8-5 — B Raymond 82

BETTING: 11-4 Gabr, 7-2 Wharf, 5-1 Jetbeeah, 7-1 Soviet Line, Taos, 8-1 Amazing Feat, 10-1 others.

1992: MELLOTTIE 7-9-0 J Lowe (7-2) Mrs M Reveley 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

GABR beat WHARF (4lb better off) 2½l in a 7-runner listed race here (1m, good), with SOVIET LINE (4lb better off) about 1¾l 4th. TAOS about 1¾l 3rd of 5 to Marool in a conditions race at Newbury (1m, good to soft). CLOUD OF DUST 1½l 2nd of 7 to Tinners Way in a listed race at Kempton last month (1m, good). JETBEEAH 2½l 2nd of 12 to Andromaque in a listed handicap at Ascot (1m, good to soft).
Selection: TAOS

3.05 TATTERSALLS ROCKFEL STAKES — C4
(Group III: 2-Y-O fillies: £16,425: 7f) (9 runners)

1 (6) 542132 BALLARD RING 20 (F) (J Pickard) J Wainwright 8-8 — T Quinn 82
2 (1) 31611 BRAARI 28 (F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-8 — W Carson 95
3 (4) 0 CHOWPOR 13 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 8-8 — L Dettori —
4 (9) 051133 KISSING COUSIN 20 (D,F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-8 — M Roberts 96
5 (5) 611 REASON TO DANCE 18 (G) (Mrs D Joly) D Elsworth 8-8 — C Asmussen 95
6 (8) 414 RELATIVELY SPECIAL 20 (G) (Helena Springfield Ltd) L Cumani 8-8 — R Cochrane 99
7 (3) 21 SALVEZZA 11 (S) (Skyline Racing Ltd) P Chapple-Hyam 8-8 — J Reid 80
8 (2) 1 TABLAH 22 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-8 — R Hills 98
9 (7) 165421 THREATENING 20 (C,D,G,S) (Lord Matthews) R Williams 8-8 — G Bardwell 85

BETTING: 3-1 Kissing Cousin, 7-2 Tablah, 4-1 Relatively Special, 9-2 Braari, 6-1 Salvezza, 14-1 others.

1992: YAWL 8-8 D Holland (9-4) B Hills 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

BRAARI beat Ivnaylon Lass neck in a 5-runner listed race at Ayr (6f, good to firm). KISSING COUSIN 2¼l 3rd of 11 to Fairy Heights in the group I Hoover Fillies' Mile at Ascot (1m, good to soft), with RELATIVELY SPECIAL (same terms) a neck 4th. REASON TO DANCE beat Evening Falls 1l in a 6-runner conditions race at Bath (5f, good). RELATIVELY SPECIAL beat Redress 2l in a 14-runner maiden at Kempton on penultimate start (6f, good). TABLAH beat Tzu'mu 2½l in an 8-runner conditions race at Ascot (6f, good to soft). THREATENING beat BALLARD RING (same terms) 1l in a conditions race at Haydock (7f, soft).
Selection: RELATIVELY SPECIAL (nap)

3.40 DEWHURST STAKES — C4
(Group I: 2-Y-O colts & fillies: £117,724: 7f) (10 runners)

1 (8) 66422 ALANEES 27 (M Obaida) C Brittain 9-0 — B Raymond 96
2 (1) 131 GRAND LODGE 14 (CD,G) (Lord Howard de Walden) W Jarvis 9-0 — Pat Eddery 99
3 (6) 21 MUTAKDDIM 21 (D,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 9-0 — W Carson 86
4 (2) 3112 NICOLOTTE 16 (D,BF,F,S) (Mollers Racing) G Wragg 9-0 — M Hills 98
5 (5) 1211 POLISH LAUGHTER 27 (B,S) (J Hunsid) B Hanbury 9-0 — W R Swinburn 97
6 (4) 1123 PSYCHOBABBLE 13 (BF,F,S) (S Niarchos) F Boutin (Fr) 9-0 — C Asmussen 92
7 (3) 1133 REDOUBTABLE 15 (F) (B Nielsen) R Hannon 9-0 — L Dettori 97
8 (10) 232 RIVER DEEP 15 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 — A Munro 92
9 (7) 112 STONEHATCH 79 (BF,G,S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 — J Reid 98
10 (9) 0334 VILLAGE EAGLE 24 (A Richards) C Brittain 9-0 — M Roberts 74

BETTING: 2-1 Grand Lodge, 5-1 Stonehatch, 12-1 Mutakddim, 14-1 Alanees, 6-1 Nicolotte, Polish Laughter, 7-1 Psychobabble, 8-1 Redoubtable, 40-1 River Deep, 100-1 Village Eagle.

1992: ZAFONIC 9-0 Pat Eddery (10-11 fav) A Fabre (Fr) 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRAND LODGE beat Colonel Collins 3½l in a 9-runner listed race at Newmarket (7f, good). NICOLOTTE head 2nd of 30 to Fumo Di Londra in a conditions race at Newmarket last time out (7f, good to soft). POLISH LAUGHTER beat ALANEES (same terms) a short head in the 5-runner group II Mill Reef Stakes at Newbury (6f, good to soft). PSYCHOBABBLE 2¼l 3rd of 7 to Lost World in the group I Ciga Grand Criterium at Longchamp (1m, heavy). STONEHATCH ½l 2nd of 5 to First Trump in the group II Richmond Stakes at Goodwood (6f, good to soft).
Selection: GRAND LODGE

4.15 FEN DITTON NURSERY HANDICAP — C4
(2-Y-O: £9,325: 1m) (24 runners)

1 (7) 026101 DUTY TIME 36 (D,F,S) (A Ison) J Dunlop 9-7 — J Reid 88
2 (4) 521 FAWRAN 17 (S) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) J Gosden 9-4 — M Roberts 81
3 (10) 01124 ORANGE PLACE 50 (G,S) (Archer Van & Truck Hire Ltd) M Bell 9-3 — M Hills 83
4 (18) 132 PAVAKA 29 (V,G) (M Worth) D Loder 9-0 — L Dettori 85
5 (1) 533520 BONAIGUA 17 (K Buchanan) G Harwood 8-11 — R Cochrane 90
6 (3) 501 FAWLTY TOWERS 18 (S) (F Salman) P Cole 8-9 — A Munro 80
7 (6) 4100 MR DEVIOUS 46 (G) (Theobalds Stud) R Hannon 8-9 — T Quinn 87
8 (15) 044204 SHARP TYCOON 17 (P O'Sullivan) B Meehan 8-9 — B Raymond 89
9 (17) 2062 HARDING 48 (S Tindall) J Dunlop 8-9 — J Williams 89
10 (5) 034035 MERLIN'S FIELD 24 (D Caruth) R Hannon 8-8 — Pat Eddery 89
11 (9) 021 RAGSAT AL OMOR 41 (D,F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Jarvis 8-8 — C Asmussen 91
12 (19) 506 MAKE A STAND 41 (R Barnett) H Candy 8-5 — W Newnes 88
13 (14) 014 LUBANO 91 (G) (Y Nasib) N Callaghan 8-3 — K Darley 90
14 (11) 025 RORY 21 (BF) (Mrs J Cecil) Mrs J Cecil 8-3 — Paul Eddery 91
15 (2) 04335 ROBSERA 24 (BF) (D Barker) G Lewis 8-3 — D Harrison 89
16 (23) 540 SANS ECOCIDE 15 (B) (W Gredley) N Wright 8-1 — N Carlisle 87
17 (20) 020041 SHERIFF 55 (F) (C Brown) J Hills 8-0 — B Doyle (3) 88
18 (8) 165 POTSCLOSE 49 (F) (Duke of Roxburghe) M Johnston 7-12 — NON-RUNNER 98
19 (21) 012400 HEATHCLIFF 48 (F) (E Parsons) K Ivory 7-12 — F Norton 95
20 (22) 033 SAAFI 18 (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 7-12 — W Carson 98
21 (12) 250052 MAKE THE BREAK 23 (Mrs J Regan) R Hannon 7-11 — A McGlone 91
22 (16) 06312 NAWAFELL 11 (G) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 7-9 — J Quinn 99
23 (13) 445250 NORTHERN BAILIWICK 32 (B,G) (Dr I Sheikh) M Usher 7-7 — C Adamson (7) 87
24 (24) 000060 SWEET CAROLINE 24 (Mrs C Gulgnard) Pat Mitchell 7-7 — Kim McDonnell 93

Long handicap: Northern Bailiwick 7-2, Sweet Caroline 7-0.

BETTING: 9-1 Fawran, Nawafell, Ragsat Al Omor, 12-1 Make The Break, 14-1 Duty Time, Harding, Lugano, Merlin's Field, Pavaka, Rory, 16-1 Fawlty Towers, Robsera, 20-1 Make A Stand, Orange Place, Saafi, Sharp Tycoon, 25-1 Bonaigua, Mr Devious, Sheriff, 33-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DUTY TIME beat Bali Warrior a neck in a 17-runner nursery at Doncaster (1m, soft). FAWRAN beat Hasell Street 3½l in a 13-runner maiden at Brighton (7f, good to soft). PAVAKA ½l 2nd of 9 to Benfleet in a nursery at Yarmouth (1m, good to soft). RAGSAT AL OMOR beat Clifton Beat 2½l in a 6-runner maiden at Thirsk (1m, firm). SHERIFF beat Greenson a neck in a 16-runner nursery at Sandown (7f, good to firm), with NORTHERN BAILIWICK (3lb better off) 4l 4th. NAWAFELL head 2nd of 22 to Shoofk in a nursery at Warwick (1m, soft).
Selection: NAWAFELL

4.50 GREENE KING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £5,481: 1m 6f) (12 runners)

1 (4) 4633 CUFF LINK 24 (Lord Weinstock) W Hern 9-7 — W Ryan 85
2 (7) 623443 ALMAMZAR 20 (F) (Shaikh Ahmed Al Maktoum) M Stoute 9-5 — M Roberts 92
3 (8) 400260 BLUE BLAZER 14 (G,S) (Mohafapar Syndicate) B Hanbury 9-3 — B Raymond 93
4 (2) 426132 COLLIER BAY 10 (D,G) (Lord Derby) J Gosden 8-12 — L Dettori 95
5 (11) 061060 HILL OF DREAMS 10 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-10 — R Cochrane 92
6 (9) 23-1450 MARCO MAGNIFICO 15 (G) (Mrs L Simpson) B Hills 8-10 — M Hills 94
7 (6) 212123 MONDRAGON 10 (F) (D Young) Mrs M Reveley 8-10 — K Darley 94
8 (1) 543403 MIROSWAKI 20 (T Pearson) T Naughton 8-9 — Paul Eddery 94
9 (3) 023241 DIPLOMATIST 10 (S) (Mrs S Page) W Jarvis 8-6 — J Reid 88
10 (12) 300606 ERICOLIN 42 (G) (Shaikh Marwan Al Maktoum) C Brittain 8-3 — B Doyle (3) 90
11 (10) 232232 FOOLS ERRAND 15 (Mrs D Russell) R Hannon 8-3 — Pat Eddery 95
12 (5) 433005 PISH KESH 15 (The Sussex Stud Ltd) W Muir 7-7 — Kim McDonnell 99

Long handicap. Pish Kesh 7-3.

BETTING: 5-2 Collier Bay, 7-2 Mondragon, 7-1 Fools Errand, 9-1 Almamzar, Diplomatist, Marco Magnifico, 11-1 Blue Blazer, 14-1 Miroswaki, 16-1 Cuff Link, 20-1 others.

1992: CHIEF MINISTER 8-7 L Dettori (7-1) L Cumani 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

CUFF LINK 1½l 3rd of 19 to Etatis in a maiden at Kempton (1m 4f, soft). ALMAMZAR 10l 3rd of 8 to Castle Courageous in a handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good). COLLIER BAY 4l 2nd of 12 to Safety In Numbers in a handicap at Redcar (1m 6f, good to soft), with MONDRAGON (2lb better off) 1½l 3rd and HILL OF DREAMS (same terms) 22½l 8th. MONDRAGON ½l 2nd of 5 to Lake Poopo in a handicap at Ayr on penultimate start (1m 7f, good to firm). FOOLS ERRAND 3½l 2nd of 15 to Kamikaze in a maiden at Lingfield (1m 6f, soft), with PISH KESH (5lb better off) 13l 5th.
Selection: MONDRAGON

5.15 EBF SNAILWELL MAIDEN STAKES
(Div II: 2-Y-O: £5,663: 6f) (18 runners)

1 (3) ANOTHERONEFORJAYBE (J Wilcox) B McMahon 9-0 — NON-RUNNER —
2 (7) BAJAN (J Fuller) M Tompkins 9-0 — P Robinson —
3 (1) 0420 CALYPSO MONARCH 32 (N Ahamad) R Hannon 9-0 — K Darley 99
4 (4) DIME TIME (C Wall) J Gosden 9-0 — L Dettori —
5 (17) 540 GLITTERAZZI 15 (Mrs P Sheen) D Elsworth 9-0 — Pat Eddery —
6 (11) IVANHOE (T Brown) J Hills 9-0 — R Hills —
7 (3) LE DOME (Lord White of Hull) M Stoute 9-0 — R Cochrane —
8 (6) 4 RAMANI 142 (A Ali) B Hanbury 9-0 — W R Swinburn 84
9 (14) 0 SAMBA SHARPLY 30 (Miss V Jarvis) A Hide 9-0 — J Williams —
10 (13) 0 SHERBLLI 20 (R Hughes) R Curtis 9-0 — A Munro —
11 (5) 022 SHIKAREE 15 (B) (A Helaissi) M Pipe 9-0 — A McGlone 87
12 (16) BY CANDLELIGHT (J Rowles) W Jarvis 8-9 — M Tebbutt —
13 (15) GIGGLESWICK GIRL (M Bishop) M Channon 8-9 — T Quinn —
14 (8) HAWAIIAN DREAM (Mrs D Price) G Lewis 8-9 — B Rouse —
15 (10) 353 LUANA 21 (S Manana) C Brittain 8-9 — M Roberts 94
16 (9) 0 MANATEE 15 (J Sacks) C Wall 8-9 — B Raymond —
17 (12) STAR OF THE DANCE (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-9 — J Reid —
18 (18) 6 TRUMPS HIGH 13 (S Khaled) H Cecil 8-9 — W Ryan —

BETTING: 3-1 Star Of The Dance, 4-1 Trumps High, 9-2 Le Dome, 5-1 Dime Time, 8-1 Luana, Ramani, 12-1 Shikaree, 16-1 Calypso Monarch, Ivanhoe, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

FORM FOCUS

CALYPSO MONARCH ¾l 2nd of 15 to Canasta Dancer in a maiden at Salisbury on penultimate start (6f, good to firm). GLITTERAZZI 3¾l 4th of 17 to Barossa Valley in a maiden at Newbury on penultimate start (6f, good). RAMANI about 5¾l 4th of 17 to Governor George in a maiden at Newbury (5f, good to soft). SHIKAREE 1½l 2nd of 12 to Rooftop Flyer in a maiden at Lingfield (6f, soft), with MANATEE (same terms) 10½l 9th. LUANA 7l 3rd of 7 to Selhurstpark Flyer in a conditions race at Ascot (5f, good to soft). TRUMPS HIGH about 8½l 6th of 11 to Finger Of Light in a maiden over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: CALYPSO MONARCH

☐ Snurge attempts to become Britain's leading money-earner in the group two Prix du Conseil de Paris at Longchamp on Sunday. The Paul Cole-trained six-year-old needs some £4,000 to pass Pebbles's earnings.

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

NEWMARKET
C4

2.35: Last time out Taos looked to be returning to the form which saw him rated not far below the best as a two-year-old, but the application of blinkers confirms he is not the most genuine of horses. Cloud Of Dust and Wharf have chances on their best form, but I just prefer **GABR** on the prevailing ground.

3.05: Tablah looked impressive when taking the Blue Seal Stakes at Ascot but the time was moderate and Peter Walwyn's string is going through a quiet spell. **RELATIVELY SPECIAL**, unlucky in running behind Fairy Heights in the Fillies' Mile, has improved with every race and has sound prospects of compensation.

3.40: Peter Chapple-Hyam has suffered some unexpected setbacks with his two-year-old stars but **STONEHATCH** can restore Manton's fortunes. Although the Coventry Stakes winner lost his unbeaten record in the Richmond Stakes at Goodwood, the form of the race looks solid. First Trump, the narrow winner, took the Middle Park Stakes while Fumo Di Londra, five lengths third, won a valuable race at the same Newmarket meeting.

Stonehatch, who has recorded three fast times, holds Redoubtable and Polish Laughter and should relish the step up to seven furlongs. The form of Grand Lodge's last win could be suspect and the ground may not suit. River Deep can run a big race at long odds.

4.15: Fawran is beginning to justify early season promise and does not look harshly treated on her nursery debut. However, **RORY** could be a blot on the handicap now that he encounters softish ground for the first time. A son of the mud-loving Dowsing, he should improve over this longer trip and the bold run by Storey's Gate here yesterday enhances his prospects. Nawafell is a danger.

RICHARD EVANS

NEWMARKET SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Chapple-Hyam, 14 winners from 62 runners, 22.6%; W Hern, 20 from 94, 21.3%; H Cecil, 70 from 333, 21.0%; M Stoute, 51 from 289, 17.6%; J Gosden, 42 from 242, 17.4%; P Cole, 19 from 120, 15.8%; L Cumani, 51 from 345, 14.8%; J Fanshawe, 16 from 109, 14.7%; B Hills, 43 from 331 13.0%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 91 winners from 499 rides, 18.2%; W R Swinburn, 67 from 409, 16.4%; W Carson, 86 from 555, 15.5%; M Hills, 38 from 272, 14.0%; L Dettori, 57 from 445, 12.8%; M Roberts, 62 from 535, 11.6%.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Major Fountain, My Melody, Case Harden, Tommy Owt, George Roper, Famous Lad, Spring Bash, Taurus Malandro.

LUDLOW

THUNDERER

1.50 Khalidi. 2.25 Achiltibuie. 2.55 Counterbid. 3.25 Moving Out. 4.00 Wild Bramble. 4.35 Golden Madjambo. 5.05 Rukia.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.50 HALFORD NOVICES HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m) (17 runners)

1 1 KHALIDI 8 (CD,G) D Gandolfo 4-11-4 — P Holley
2 000- BALLYHAMAGE 139 D Nicholson 5-10-13 — A Maguire
3 66/0 GIVE ALL 8 Mrs V Hickman 7-10-13 — M Appleby (7)
4 -483 JON'S CHOICE 13 (B) B Preece 5-10-13 — T Wall
5 5/ ORUJO 558 Miss H Knight 5-10-13 — J Osborne
6 000- PRINCETHORPE 188 B Cambidge 6-10-13 — Gary Lyons
7 040- SUPER COIN 202 R Lee 5-10-13 — L Harvey
8 2234 ZAMANAYN 13 J Upson 5-10-13 — R Supple
9 05- BROTHERLYAFFECTION 248 R Hollinshead 4-10-12 S Wynne (3)
10 10- CHAPEL OF BARRAS 151F (S) P Hobbs 4-10-12 — Peter Hobbs
11 4U04 MAPLE BAY 8 K White 4-10-12 — G McCourt
12 NONAMMO 43F A Chamberlain 4-10-12 — B Powell
13 6 OYSTON'S LIFE 58 R Phillips 4-10-12 — J Railton
14 0- REEDFINCH 160 D Sherwood 4-10-12 — M Richards
15 P WOODSIDE LADY 27 D Nicholson 5-10-8 — W Marston (3)
16 4-22 LADY DONOGHUE 42 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 4-10-7 — P Niven
17 MISTRESS BEE 86F S Coathup 4-10-7 — R Greene

9-4 Khalidi, 7-2 Lady Donoghue, 4-1 Chapel Of Barras, 8-1 Ballyhamage, Orujo, 12-1 Reedfinch, 14-1 Jon's Choice, 20-1 others.

2.25 CASTLE SELLING HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,242: 2m) (11)

1 -480 AL HASHIMI 8 (D,F,G) R Hodges 9-12-7 — R Dunwoody
2 -233 MAGIC SOLDIER 11 (D,F,G,S) A Fowler 8-11-1 — R Marley
3 -352 COTAPAXI 46 (D,F) R Hodges 8-10-12 — A Tory
4 1P/0 ANOTHER CRUISE 13 (C,F,G) R Price 8-10-10 — R Greene
5 0523 SLIPPERY MAX 6 (D,F,S) R Juckes 9-10-10 — M A Fitzgerald
6 35-4 ACHILTIBUIE 20 (D,F) F Yardley 9-10-7 — D Gallagher
7 2F60 POLDER 14 (D,F,G) D Williams 7-10-3 — R Davis (5)
8 3324 BARTONDALE 27 (F) J Bradley 8-10-2 — R Farrant (5)
9 -544 IMPERIAL FLIGHT 27 (F,G) J King 8-10-0 — J R Kavanagh
10 -02P MINT-MASTER 15 (F) B Shaw 8-10-0 — D Leahy (5)
11 3446 VIRGINIA'S BAY 16 (F) Graham Richards 7-10-0 Mr G Lewis (7)

3-1 Slippery Max, 9-2 Cotapaxi, 5-1 Magic Soldier, 6-1 Al Hashimi, 13-2 Polder, 8-1 Achiltibuie, 10-1 Another Cruise, Bartondale, 14-1 others.

2.55 COURT OF HILL AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,612: 2m 4f) (9)

1 U1-3 SANDYBRAES 11 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 8-12-0 — G Hogan (7)
2 14-3 CORRARDER 67 (F,G) J Old 9-11-10 — J Smyth-Osbourne (7)
3 211/ CENTENARY STAR 9F (D,F,G,S) Mrs M Reveley 8-11-10 — M Buckley (5)
4 111F COUNTERBID 23 (V,D,BF,F,G) J Edwards 6-11-8 — A Farrant (5)
5 1-14 COMEDY ROAD 20 (D,BF,F,G) R Lee 9-11-6 — M Armytage
6 4U2- GEMBRIDGE JUPITER 137 (D,F,G,S) C Trietline 15-11-1 — C Trietline (7)
7 33-3 FRISCO CITY 9 (B,CD,G) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-13 M Rimell (7)
8 45/P- WALK IN RHYTHM 186 (F,S) Mrs A Price 12-10-0 — Miss C Thomas (7)
9 /3P/ FANNY PRICE 713 R Hollinshead 6-10-0 — A Gribbin (7)

3-1 Centenary Star, 7-2 Counterbid, 9-2 Sandybraes, 5-1 Comedy Road, 6-1 Frisco City, 8-1 Corrarder, 14-1 Gembridge Jupiter, 33-1 Walk In Rhythm, Fanny Price.

3.25 ASHFORD HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,134: 2m) (10)

1 14-2 NOCATCHIM 22 (B,CD,F,G,S) S Sherwood 4-12-0 — J McCarthy (5)
2 0 PALACE WOLF 8 Miss H Knight 9-12-0 — R Marley
3 643- TARKOVSKY 141 (D,S) R Price 8-10-9 — R Dunwoody
4 0FP- FIRST CRACK 175 (D,F,G,S) F Jordan 8-10-8 — R Supple
5 353- KALZARI 226 (CD,G) N Babbage 8-10-5 — S Earle
6 166/4 SKOLERN 23 (V,D,F,G) A Harrison 9-10-4 — J Callaghan
7 115- KABAYIL 188 (G,S) C Egerton 4-10-0 — J Railton
8 531- MOVING OUT 160 (D,F,G) Miss H Knight 5-10-0 — J Osborne
9 0PP- SENSEI 137 (G) J Peacock 6-10-0 — T Wall
10 36-0 ALWAYS READY 27 (D,G) R Lee 7-10-0 — A Maguire

5-2 Kabayil, 3-1 Nocatchim, 7-2 Moving Out, 6-1 Tarkovsky, 10-1 Skolern, 14-1 Kalzari, 16-1 Palace Wolf, 20-1 First Crack, Always Ready, 33-1 Sensei.

4.00 ARTHUR ELLIOTT MEMORIAL NOVICES CHASE (£2,879: 2m 4f) (9)

1 111U KILLULA CHIEF 13 (F,G,S) J O'Shea 6-11-12 — M A Fitzgerald
2 FLYING WILD W Clay 7-11-2 — N Williamson
3 F4-4 GOLDEN FARE 13 R Lee 8-11-2 — A Maguire
4 5P3- SPIRIT OF KIBRIS 137 (S) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-2 — W McFarland
5 51-3 WEST BAY 8 (F) T Thomson Jones 7-11-2 — A Thornton (3)
6 504/ ZACTOO 531 B Preece 7-11-2 — T Wall
7 232F BRIGTINA 17 (G) J Bradley 5-11-0 — R Farrant (5)
8 040- CWM ARCTIC 223 Mrs A Price 6-10-11 — Mr M Jackson
9 261- WILD BRAMBLE 186 (S) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-9 — P Niven

2-1 Wild Bramble, 5-2 Killula Chief, 4-1 Golden Fare, 6-1 West Bay, 7-1 Spirit Of Kibris, 16-1 Brigtina, 25-1 others.

4.35 BRIMFIELD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,480: 2m 5f 110yd) (12)

1 24-5 ANNA VALLEY 20 G Balding 7-11-10 — R Davis (5)
2 1123 TRUMPET 8 (B,F) J O'Shea 4-11-4 — M A Fitzgerald
3 FP-1 RIVER RED 22 (F) J White 7-11-3 — A Maguire
4 F22P CORNISH COSSACK 8 (BF) D Barons 6-10-10 Mr G Shenkin (7)
5 500- OSMOSIS 240 (F) D Murray Smith 7-10-9 — D Gallagher
6 6/6- PRINCE OF SALERNO 385 N Gaselee 8-10-1 — R Supple
7 F0-24 GOLDEN MADJAMBO 30 F Jordan 7-10-0 — M Doyle (7)
8 -056 DOCTOR DUNKLIN 35 Mrs V Ward 4-10-0 — N Williamson
9 P000- WEST MONKTON 149 C Nash 7-10-0 — R Dunwoody
10 03P- NORDROSS 239 J Peacock 5-10-0 — T Wall
11 F0-0 ENCHANTED FLYER 13 T Donnelly 6-10-0 — T Eley (5)
12 P/00 TINKLING STAR 22 A Chamberlain 9-10-0 — B Powell

3-1 River Red, 4-1 Trumpet, 5-1 Golden Madjambo, 7-1 Anna Valley, Cornish Cossack, 10-1 Osmosis, Prince Of Salerno, 14-1 others.

5.05 EBF LUDLOW NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE
(£1,350: 2m) (18)

1 BATTY'S ISLAND B Preece 4-11-0 — P Hide (5)
2 CAPTAIN KHEDIVE P Hobbs 5-11-0 — M Hourigan
3 CRUNCH TIME C Broad 4-11-0 — A Flannigan (7)
4 HECTOR MARIO J Edwards 5-11-0 — R Davis (5)
5 6- KINGS CHARIOT 230 Lady Mays-Smith 6-11-0 — Mr J Durkan
6 RELAXED LAD J Peacock 4-11-0 — J Bond (7)
7 ROSEBERRY TOPPING Mrs M Reveley 4-11-0 — M Herrington (7)
8 SHERWOOD BOY K Bailey 4-11-0 — Mrs T Bailey
9 0 SILVER SUMAL 15 C Broad 4-11-0 — Mr M Rimell (7)
10 CAPTIVA BAY Mrs A Hewitt 4-10-9 — S Wynne (3)
11 COME ON LUCY M Eckley 4-10-9 — A Thornton (3)
12 HOT 'N ROSIE D Gandolfo 4-10-9 — D J Moffatt (3)
13 ROC SPIRIT G Davies 6-10-9 — Mr N Miles
14 RUKIA O Sherwood 4-10-9 — J McCarthy (5)
15 SKYE DUCK R Baker 4-10-9 — V Slattery
16 6- SPRING GRASS 167 B Ryall 5-10-9 — D Meade (7)
17 6/ TOO SHARP 542 Miss H Knight 5-10-9 — Mr J Pritchard
18 VEGETARIANPHEASANT A Chamberlain 4-10-9 — D Leahy (5)

5-2 Roseberry Topping, 5-1 Hector Mario, 11-2 Sherwood Boy, 6-1 Rukia, 8-1 Too Sharp, Hot 'N Rosie, 10-1 Captain Khedive, 12-1 Hall End Lady, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S Sherwood, 7 winners from 21 runners, 33.3%; D Nicholson, 13 from 50, 26.0%; Mrs M Reveley, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Miss H Knight, 6 from 25, 24.0%; K Bailey, 9 from 38, 23.7%; Mrs J Pitman, 5 from 22, 22.7%.

JOCKEYS: B Powell, 6 winners from 15 rides, 40.0%; J Osborne, 6 from 21, 28.6%; M Richards, 4 from 14, 28.6%; R Dunwoody, 12 from 50, 24.0%; W Marston, 6 from 28, 21.4%; P Niven, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

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2.20 Chummy's Pal. 2.50 Rousitto. 3.20 Follingworth Girl. 3.55 Beaming. 4.25 Wacky. 4.55 Bold Alex. 5.25 North Reef.

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2.20 CRAVEN APPRENTICE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,511: 1m 3f 214yd) (14 runners)

1 0000 ARC BRIGHT 20 R Hollinshead 9-0 — D Denby (5) 6
2 6535 CHUMMY'S PAL 20 (BF) B Hills 9-0 — S McCarthy 8
3 50 COBBS CROSS 20J T Caldwell 9-0 — W Hollick (5) 14
4 0 GEMKOSIX 11 B Beasley 9-0 — R Havlin 11
5 00 GYMCRAK DIAMOND 11 G Holmes 9-0 — L Aspell 9
6 2300 IJAB 66 J Parkes 9-0 — M Baird 2
7 3440 MOONLIGHT ECLIPSE 136 E Alston 9-0 — S Knott 12
8 00 PLAIN SAILING 24 D Morley 9-0 — J Dennis 7
9 -000 TROY BOY 11 (V) S Norton 9-0 — C Teague 10
10 3502 VAIGLY SUNTHYME 10 J Carr 9-0 — G Parkin 4
11 00- CITY LIGHTER 373 E Alston 8-9 — D Griffiths 5
12 00 GECKO ROUGE 24 J Hills 8-9 — M Henry (5) 1
13 0-25 ROSSCOYNE 140 Mrs M Reveley 8-9 — S Copp 13
14 00- TINSTONE 7J S Kettlewell 8-9 — R Painter 3

2-1 Chummy's Pal, 4-1 Vaigly Sunthyme, 6-1 Arc Bright, 8-1 Ijab, Moonlight Eclipse, 10-1 Rosscoyne, 12-1 others.

2.50 HORNBY CASTLE HANDICAP
(£4,050: 1m 3f 214yd) (20 runners)

1 0602 WHITE WILLOW 27 (C,D,B,S) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-13 — J Fanning 18
2 2440 LATVIAN 27 (B,CD,F,G) R Allan 6-9-9 — J Weaver 10
3 1000 HARD TASK 14 (B,D,G) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-8 — J Carroll 8
4 2044 ADMIRAL'S WELL 21 J Gosden 3-9-4 — G Hind 14
5 5433 FUNNY HILARIOUS 23 J Fanshawe 3-9-3 — K Fallon 2
6 0-02 UNFINISHEDBUSINESS 27 J Watts 3-9-3 — N Connorton 11
7 1213 BROUGHTON'S TANGO 142 (D) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-2 — D Wright (5) 12
8 4810 CARROLLS MARC 13J (CD,F,G) P Haslam 5-8-13 — A Clark 16
9 0404 RUSSIAN EMPIRE 62 (BF) M Stoute 3-8-11 — D Holland 17
10 4205 RUSTY REEL 29 C Brittain 3-8-9 — M Birch 7
11 3336 *ROUSITTO 8 (D,F,S) R Hollinshead 5-8-6* — S Perks 4
12 0040 FLOATING LINE 25 (F,S) P Wigham 5-8-6 — A Culhane 9
13 5054 KINOKO 3J (CD,G,S) K Hogg 5-8-5 — A Garth (5) 3
14 54/0 ALKABAR 8 Miss L Siddall 5-8-5 — P McCabe (5) 1
15 0403 MATARIS 18 (V) P Walwyn 3-8-5 — G Duffield 5
16 2540 SHAMSHOM AL ARAB 60 (D,F,S) S Norton 5-8-2 — Darren Moffatt (5) 19
17 -000 ROLLING THE BONES 14J (V,S) M Naughton 4-8-1 — S Maloney (3) 15
18 1-00 J P MORGAN 8 (D,S) M Naughton 5-7-13 — T Williams 20
19 2450 ABSALOM'S PILLAR 85 J Hetherton 3-7-12 — L Charnock 13
20 3204 TANODA 18 (D,F,G,S) M Brittain 7-7-11 — J Lowe 6

9-4 White Willow, 7-2 Funny Hilarious, 5-1 Admiral's Well, 7-1 Broughton's Tango, 8-1 Russian Empire, 10-1 Latvian, Rousitto, 12-1 Unfinishedbusiness, 16-1 others.

3.20 BRETTANBY HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,494: 1m 7f 177yd) (6)

1 3152 ELBURG 18 (F) R Hoad 9-7 — G Duffield 2
2 3010 RIVIERE ACTOR 18 (D,BF,S) J Dunlop 9-3 — J Carroll 5
3 5430 ROSMARINO 8 C Thornton 7-13 — T Williams 4
4 1031 FOLLINGWORTH GIRL 10 (D,F,S) S Norton 7-13 — Darren Moffatt (5) 6
5 -0F5 MASTER FIDDLER 165 E Weymes 7-9 — J Fanning 3
6 0352 MOONSHINE DANCER 9 Mrs M Reveley 7-7 — D Wright (5) 1

7-4 Follingworth Girl, 11-4 Riviere Actor, 7-2 Elburg, 5-1 Moonshine Dancer, 10-1 Master Fiddler, 12-1 Rosmarino.

3.55 EBF EVENING GAZETTE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,342: 5f 212yd) (10)

1 5 BETABETCORBETT S Norton 9-0 — N Connorton 3
2 6 EDUERRY 25 M Jarvis 9-0 — W Woods 9
3 0000 HONG KONG FUTURE 21 B Beasley 9-0 — J Fortune 2
4 00 STEEL SOVEREIGN 18 Mrs M Reveley 9-0 — J Fanning 8
5 WHITE SORREL Miss S Hall 9-0 — O Pears (3) 7
6 52 ASDAF 69 P Walwyn 8-9 — G Duffield 6
7 4 AS SHARP AS 89 B Hills 8-9 — D Holland 1
8 02 BEAMING 10 J Fanshawe 8-9 — K Fallon 10
9 00 CAFE SOLO 10 N Bycroft 8-9 — L Charnock 5
10 0223 FRISKY MISS 17 J Berry 8-9 — J Carroll 4

13-8 Beaming, 3-1 Asdaf, 5-1 As Sharp As, 6-1 Frisky Miss, 8-1 others.

4.25 EBF ZETLAND MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,321: 7f) (13)

1 0 BECKENHAM LADY 20 S Norton 8-11 — N Connorton 9
2 06 CINDY'S STAR 87 M Heaton-Ellis 8-11 — W Woods 12
3 00 CITY OF MY DREAMS 10 D Moffatt 8-11 — Darren Moffatt (5) 6
4 0 *FAMILIAR ART 18 J Fanshawe 8-11 — J Lowe 4*
5 60 GRETELS PET 66 J Bottomley 8-11 — L Charnock 2
6 0 MARJAN 58 R Hollinshead 8-11 — A Garth (5) 3
7 5306 MONKEY WENCH 25 J Berry 8-11 — J Carroll 13
8 3602 ROSE CIEL 15 (B) R Hannon 8-11 — D Holland 7
9 02 SALOME'S DANCE 18 (BF) M Prescott 8-11 — G Duffield 8
10 5000 STRANGERSARDANGERS 9 (B) A Bailey 8-11 — A Mackay 5
11 TULU Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 — K Fallon 10
12 4 WACKY 18 A Stewart 8-11 — J Weaver 1
13 00 WHISPERS HILL 17 J Jefferson 8-11 — O Pears (3) 11

5-2 Salome's Dance, 7-2 Wacky, 9-2 Familiar Art, 11-2 Rose Ciel, 7-1 Cindy's Star, 10-1 Beckenham Lady, 14-1 others.

4.55 ILKLEY NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,701: 5f) (20)

1 4461 TOP SHOW 42 (D,F,G) K Hogg 9-7 — J Weaver 17
2 134 POST MISTRESS 34 (D,BF,F) M Prescott 9-3 — G Duffield 2
3 1200 LADY SHERIFF 20 (B,CD,F) M W Easterby 9-2 — T Lucas 8
4 8250 NORDICO PRINCESS 15 (G) R Hollinshead 9-0 — S Perks 1
5 5650 CYARNA QUINN 37 (D,S) M Channon 8-11 — K Fallon 12
6 145 DON'T BE KOI 90 (D,F) M Johnston 8-9 — T Williams 14
7 4123 BOLD ALEX 11 (C,S) S Norton 8-4 — N Connorton 4
8 5030 ARTA 48 R Whitaker 8-3 — A Culhane 19
9 6322 LOCHON 21 W Barker 8-2 — S Webster 6
10 0155 ROCKY TWO 27 (D,G) B McMahon 7-13 — A Mackay 16
11 1236 *FLOATING TRIAL 27 (B,D,S) J Berry 7-13* — *N Adams* 9
12 3661 DOCKYARD DORA 25 (B,D,S) M Brittain 7-12 — D Wright (5) 20
13 0004 CHINA ROBIN 25 P Walwyn 7-10 — A Tucker 5
14 300 PASTURES NEW 30 B Rothwell 7-8 — S Wood 15
15 0323 FADE AWAY 25 T Barron 7-8 — Dale Gibson 10
16 5200 KENTUCKY FLYER 9 J Bottomley 7-7 — L Charnock 7
17 6006 INDIAN DREAMER 38 (CD,G) M Bell 7-7 — Darren Moffatt (5) 18
18 1800 DUNDEELIN 49 (D,S) R Bastiman 7-7 — NON-RUNNER 11
19 1000 MAD ABOUT MEN 20 (D,F) J Berry 7-7 — J Carroll 3
20 0000 RICH GLOW 11 (B) N Bycroft 7-7 — N Varley (7) 13

6-1 Bold Alex, 13-2 Post Mistress, 7-1 Top Show, Dockyard Dora, 8-1 Don't Be Koi, Lochon, Floating Trial, 10-1 China Robin, Fade Away, 12-1 others.

5.25 EBF EVENING GAZETTE MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £4,342: 5f 212yd) (10)

1 6000 ARECIBO 42 C Brittain 9-0 — J Weaver 1
2 BARRIER BOY M Meagher 9-0 — J Fortune 9
3 0 CASUAL WATER 21 M H Easterby 9-0 — M Birch 8
4 0600 CURIE CRUSADER 40 J Berry 9-0 — J Carroll 4
5 0 FRED'S DELIGHT 27 M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 — W Woods 3
6 0624 GLENUGIE 8 (V) R Whitaker 9-0 — A Culhane 6
7 4 NORTH REEF 17 M Prescott 9-0 — G Duffield 5
8 0 SAN DIEGO CHARGER 46 M Fetherston-Godley 9-0
9 05 AWTAAR 20 P Walwyn 8-9 — Dale Gibson 7
10 2352 RANKAIDADE 15 R Hollinshead 8-9 — D Holland 10 — S Perks 2

5-2 Awtaar, 7-2 North Reef, 5-1 Rankaidade, 7-1 Glenugie, 8-1 Arecibo, 10-1 Curie Crusader, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 9 winners from 24 runners, 37.5%; B Hills, 14 from 42, 33.3%; C Brittain, 3 from 10, 30.0%; M Stoute, 8 from 31, 25.8%; M Prescott, 12 from 51, 23.5%; M Bell, 5 from 22, 22.7%.

JOCKEYS: D Holland, 6 wins from 30 rides, 20.0%; O Pears, 10 from 53, 18.9%; J Carroll, 30 from 162, 18.5%; N Connorton, 12 from 74, 16.2%; G Duffield, 20 from 133, 15.0%; J Fortune, 12 from 85, 14.0%.

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Football Association must act for national side to regain world status

Charlton's qualities can revive England



David Miller picks his contenders to revitalise the England team should Graham Taylor stand down

JUST reflect on it. England, founders of the game of football, have not gained a World Cup finals place *among the world's top 24 teams.* The Football Association must ask serious questions, and soon.

Norway have qualified. So have Greece. So have Morocco and Cameroon. Unless Holland suffer an improbable reverse in Poland, Graham Taylor's errors have helped lose England several million dollars and a place in the game's shop window, from which they cannot afford to be absent.

Either there is something more seriously wrong with English football than we already acknowledge or, as many believe, the England team has not been well-managed. Taylor can talk about a poor refereeing decision in Rotterdam on Wednesday night, that Ronald Koeman should have been sent off. That still begs the question of whether England would have held on against ten men. England's record away from home under Taylor has been even worse than under previous managers.

> 'He is believed to fancy the job after being ignored 16 years ago. His credentials speak for themselves'

Holland are not what they were in the Seventies and Eighties, not even what they might and should have been in the last finals, when petulance cost them victory over Germany. Yet now, besides having more dangerous players in Bergkamp, Rijkaard, Wouters, Overmars and Roy, they were better-balanced and co-ordinated than England who, without Gascoigne, did not have one fluent passer.

England performed below their capacity, however moderate that may be at present. A vigorous action under way by the FA, to reorganise schools football, limit 11-a-side competition and the number of matches per week for under-13s, may bear fruit but not for several years.

How can England's decline, in achievement as well as standards, be reversed after failure to qualify for the third time in 20 years? Sir Alf Ramsey was eliminated by Poland, who finished third in 1974, and Don Revie's side by Italy, who distinguished themselves in 1978 before falling to Holland, the beaten finalists. But to fail against Norway ...

More than enough has already been said about the different ways in which Taylor has compounded rather than solved England's shortcomings, his maladroit decisions contributing to England's defeat on Wednesday. Who might do better?

A moment's consideration reveals how unpromising, or unproved, are the obvious alternatives. For a start, the three most successful premier league managers are all Scots: Alex Ferguson, Kenny Dalglish and George Graham. While I think it would be acceptable, and indeed make sense, for the FA to consider appointing a foreign manager — after all, English orchestras, opera, theatre and ballet regularly appoint foreign conductors, directors and choreographers — the position of a Scot might be thought too emotionally complex, given the rivalry of history.

Ferguson has won championships north and south of the border, but was undistinguished when temporarily succeeding Jock Stein for the finals of 1986 and tends to blow, temperamentally, under pressure. Dalglish's knowledge as an international player is second to none in Britain. Both he and Graham are pragmatic enough to follow their policies, irrespective of public opinion, and to recognise the necessity for continuity in a national team. All three are superior to any present England candidate other than Jack Charlton.

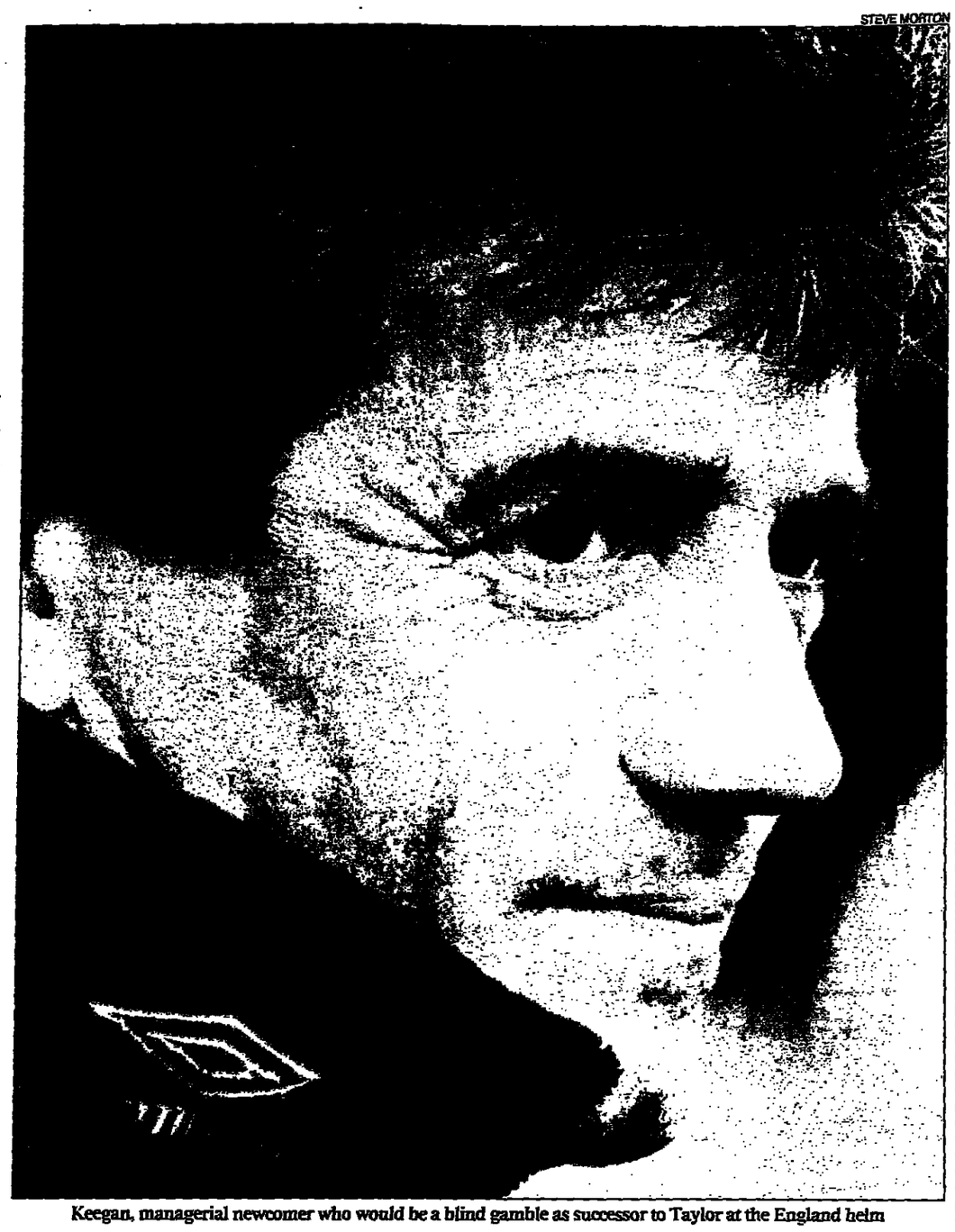
The FA does not know whether Charlton will be available, much depending on Ireland's result against Northern Ireland in the critical remaining group three tie in Belfast. Charlton is believed to fancy the England job, after being ignored 16 years ago. His credentials over eight years with Ireland speak for themselves; all that is needed is for the FA to forget the reasons that led them to not even interview him when Don Revie defected.

What of the other Englishmen? Terry Venables, once an able and serious candidate, is now disqualified by controversy at Tottenham Hotspur. The Yorkshire qualities of Howard Wilkinson, one of our finest coaches, recommend him, but there is a question mark after the rise and fall of Leeds United. Ron Atkinson has positive qualities, and plays attacking football, but has won cups rather than championships; and he might allow himself to be overwhelmed by self-promotion.

Then there are the management newcomers: Kevin Keegan, Gerry and Trevor Francis, Joe Royle and Glenn Hoddle. None of these is yet proven as a manager and I feel that the FA would be taking a blind gamble. The chance for one of them will emerge over the next eight to 12 years.

That leaves the non-British candidates, such as Osvaldo Ardiles or Leo Beenhakker, who managed Holland in 1990 and is available. With time on their side — England not having to qualify as hosts of the 1996 European championship — the FA could give Ardiles, notwithstanding his reluctance, a trial run. That would be exciting. If they have not the courage to do that, my order of preference would be Charlton, Graham — how England could do with a spell of Arsenal's boring predictability — and Keegan.

STEVE MORTON



Keegan, managerial newcomer who would be a blind gamble as successor to Taylor at the England helm

Scotland stand-in not afraid of tough decisions

By Roddy Forsyth

SCOTLAND'S failure to qualify for the World Cup finals has been a creeping process with plenty of notice of the ultimate end, so it was possible to view such a difficult fixture as the meeting with Italy in Rome on Wednesday without the taut nerves that can cloud the objective view.

Scotland were fairly beaten, but the interim manager, Craig Brown, could say with justice yesterday that there was no unbridgeable gulf between the countries and that he saw genuine promise for the future.

Had Durie's thundering second-half drive not rebounded from Durrant when bound for an unguarded corner of the net, the Scots might have deprived Italy of a point.

Italy's eventual 3-1 victory, coupled with Portugal's 1-0 defeat of Switzerland in Lisbon, now means that the Italians' meeting with the Portuguese in Milan on November 17 will decide which of the pair goes on to the United States, assuming of course that Portugal win their game in hand against Estonia.

Portugal are not likely to afford Roberto Baggio or Donadoni the freedom of the field that the Scots permitted them. McLaren, rightly praised for his marking work on Baggio at Ibrox last year, discovered the hard way that the Juventus forward has an extra dimension to his play when he is able to find space in the centre of midfield and pick up possession just behind the point of attack.

As for Gunn in goal, the sooner he loses his susceptibility to accident the better. In four games for Scotland, he has yet to keep a clean sheet and, in three of his appearances, he has been culpable. He readily conceded his mistakes for the first two goals, by Donadoni and Casiraghi.

The Scots had a good opening to the second half after Durrant had been brought on for Jess and Durie switched into attack alongside Gallacher. It was the second time in three days Brown had acted decisively, having previously consigned McStay to the bench. Brown said later that Jess had been out of his depth — a biting comment, but accurate.

As for Brown, he does not have the Scotland manager's job nor a victory to his name. Whether one depends upon the other remains to be seen, but the final group fixture against Malta gives him a chance to build on his positive approach and perhaps guarantee his continued employment.

Chapple's winning line brings dividends at Woking

Non-League football
By Walter Gammie

GEOFF Chapple, the Woking manager, let rip into his team before they ran out against Dover Athletic on Tuesday and they responded by beating the GM Vauxhall Conference leaders 3-0 at Kingfield. "I'd run out of patience with them," he said. "One week, they're reasonable; the next, they're terrible. We had taken a 5-0 drubbing at Dover, when we really threw in the towel, so they didn't need too much motivating."

Dover had Ian O'Connell sent off after 15 minutes when he pulled back Andy Gray, a forward on a month's loan from Reading, by his shirt. Woking took full toll to win with goals by Clive Walker, Andy Clement and Mark Biggins as Dover's away form — one win in four matches — continues to fall short of their unblemished home record.

Woking's second season in the Conference has not been easy. An £80,000 deficit last year gave Chapple a reduced budget and he has run through a team of strikers looking for an effective combination. Ollie Morrah, Delroy Brown, Lennie Dennis, Peter Heritage, David Puckett, David Greene and Kieron Swift have all filled the role.

A possible solution was suggested by Walker, who, at 36, is playing with as much zest and commitment as ever. "I started off playing wide and I asked to play up front," Walker said. "I thought I'd be more involved and in a better position to communicate and help people around me."

For the past two matches, his partner has been Gray, 20, who has impressed Chapple. "He's very quick, got two good feet and for a bloke who's not particularly tall, he's good in the air and is very, very busy," Chapple said.

"Neither of us is tall and in this league we're invariably up against big defenders," Walker said. "We've had to ensure that all our work is about movement and that's gone well so far."

Settling at Woking was hard for Walker after 20 years as a full-time professional, but he appreciates the advantage of regular pay packets after his final season at cash-strapped Brighton and Hove Albion.

Walker, a fully-qualified FA coach, has a clause in his contract that would enable him to be released to any interested league club and he would like to stay in the professional game. In the meantime, he helps out a friend in an antiques business and maintains a fatherly eye on his son, Lee, who, at 11, is showing promise with a youth team at Chalfont St Peter.

WORLD CUP STANDINGS

TWENTY four countries will take part in the World Cup finals in the United States next summer. Of the 11 places remaining to be filled, eight will come from the European qualifying groups, two from the Asian group, playing in Qatar from today, and either Argentina or Australia, who meet in a play-off over two legs.

QUALIFIERS FOR FINALS: United States (hosts), Germany (holders), Cameroon, Nigeria, Morocco, Mexico, Greece, Russia, Norway, Sweden, Colombia, Brazil, Bolivia.

EUROPEAN GROUPS

Group one

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	9	6	2	1	21	7	14
Switzerland	9	5	3	1	19	6	13
Portugal	8	5	2	1	15	4	12
Scotland	9	3	3	3	12	13	9
Malta	9	1	1	7	3	21	3
Estonia	8	0	1	7	1	20	1

FIXTURES: Nov 10: Portugal v Estonia. Nov 17: Italy v Portugal; Malta v Scotland; Switzerland v Estonia.

Group two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	9	7	2	0	24	3	16
Holland	9	5	3	1	26	8	13
England	9	4	3	2	19	8	11
Poland	8	3	2	3	8	10	8
Turkey	8	1	1	6	7	17	3
San Marino	9	0	1	8	1	39	1

Norway have qualified for finals

FIXTURES: Oct 27: Turkey v Poland. Nov 10: Turkey v Norway. Nov 17: San Marino v England; Poland v Holland

Group three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Denmark	11	7	4	0	15	1	18
Spain	11	7	3	1	26	4	17
Ireland	11	7	3	1	18	5	17
N Ireland	11	5	2	4	13	12	12
Lithuania	12	2	3	7	8	21	7
Latvia	12	0	5	7	4	21	5
Albania	12	1	2	9	6	26	4

FIXTURES: Nov 17: N Ireland v Ireland; Spain v Denmark.

Group four

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	9	7	0	2	16	5	14
Romania	9	6	1	2	27	11	13
Wales	9	5	2	2	18	10	12
RCS	8	3	4	1	18	9	10
Cyprus	9	2	1	6	6	15	5
Faeroe Is	10	0	0	10	1	38	0

FIXTURES: Oct 27: Representation of Czechs and Slovaks (RCS) v Cyprus. Nov 17: Wales v Romania; Belgium v RCS.

Group five

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Russia	7	5	2	0	15	3	12
Greece	7	5	2	0	9	2	12
Iceland	8	3	2	3	7	6	8
Hungary	7	1	1	5	5	11	3
Luxembourg	7	0	1	6	2	16	1

Russia and Greece have qualified for finals

FIXTURES: Oct 27: Hungary v Luxembourg. Nov 17: Greece v Russia.

Group six

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	9	6	2	1	18	7	14
France	9	6	1	2	16	8	13
Bulgaria	9	5	2	2	17	9	12
Austria	8	3	0	5	13	14	6
Israel	8	1	2	5	8	23	4
Finland	9	1	1	7	6	17	3

Sweden have qualified for finals

FIXTURES: Oct 27: Israel v Austria. Nov 10: Austria v Sweden, Israel v Finland. Nov 17: France v Bulgaria.

Football witnesses shift of power

Rob Hughes assesses the state of play in the various World Cup qualifying groups

IT IS beginning to dawn on Americans, and on the rest of us, that the "new" addition to the world footballing family is about to host a World Cup of vast surprise and meaningful shift of traditional strengths.

The biggest shock in a busy qualifying week was not England's failing in Rotterdam. Nor was it the first defeat for the Irish in over eight years in Dublin, where Spain not only cleverly surprised the men in green but had in their sweeper Nadal quite the most eye-catching defender of these qualifying rounds.

It was the match in Paris that provided the clearest evidence of the new egalitarian nature of the game. Who would have imagined that Israel, newly voted into the European groupings, would actually beat France in the Parc des Princes?

In the final seven minutes, the French, no doubt arrogantly assuming their qualification, allowed the Israelis to score twice and thus win the match 3-2. Ronnie Rosenthal, who seldom makes it into the Liverpool XI, created all three Israeli goals. A tremor, perhaps, in the French progress; now they have to win at home against Bulgaria to join Sweden in qualifying from group six.

Elsewhere in Europe there is still the chance that Roy Hodgson, an Englishman abroad, will manage Switzerland to the finals. The Swiss lost on Wednesday by a single goal in Portugal, and with Italy, inspired by the genius of Roberto Baggio going to the top of the group, it is now likely to be between Switzerland and Portugal for the second qualifying place.

Portugal, however, has to play in Italy on November 17, and that night Switzerland is at home to Estonia.

Group two, we know all too much about: Norway are through, Holland are odds-on.

From group three, any of three can still qualify, with Spain and Denmark playing one another in the final game next month, and the Republic of Ireland crossing the border to Belfast. Time was when this looked a formality, but the South's reverse on Wednesday, and a courageous display by the North in Copenhagen removes the suggestion of certainty.

In group four, Wales remain hopeful, but their task at home to Romania is compounded by the fact that the Romanians have just beaten the group leader Belgium and the RCS are still in contention, still hinting at mounting some resistance in Belgium next month.

Group five is settled, with Greece and Russia comfortably through, while in Europe's final group, Sweden has confirmed what Norway taught us, that Scandinavia has teams ready and able to beat anyone.

But this, remember, is a world event. Africa began the week with one eye laughing, the other crying. It was brushed with the tears of sympathy for Zambia who failed to qualify against Morocco. Like England, like the Cypriots for heaven's sake, Zambia felt cheated by refereeing judgments. But they are out, Morocco are through, and so are Nigeria and Cameroon.

This weekend the Asian final qualifying rounds begin and if Americans follow football this far afield there will be many hoping and even praying that Iraq does not come through to claim a place in the United States.

First the Iraqis have to play Saudi Arabia, whom their head of state decrees to be an enemy, and on October 22 are scheduled to play Iran. Let us be thankful that Asia's qualifying round takes place on neutral territory in Qatar.

Meanwhile what is happening to the old forces, the historical strengths in the game? Nothing that can do any harm. Some of the major countries, England, Uruguay, Scotland, and who knows, even Argentina, could set up their own alternative World Cup. England could even host it, which would be one way of keeping our undesirable aliens at home.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

RUTILANT

(a) Glowing with a reddish or golden light, ruddy of complexion like a healthy northern European. From the Latin, *rutilare* to shine with a reddish gleam, of weapons covered with blood or Titian hair: "Rutilant with gas or electric light" (George Moore, *Mummer's Wife*).

VOMITORY

(c) Passage for spectators in the Roman amphitheatre, the circumferential passage through which spectators reached the doors leading to the seating. The foyer to the dress circle. From the Latin *vomitorium* a room to throw up in. *vomere* to vomit. "Just stuff the plebs down the vomitory," according to an unreliable source, Scivvius, a notorious Roman theatrical impressario.

NEVE

(a) A mark or scar on the skin, from the French *neve*, adaptation of the Latin *naevus* a mole on the body. "Frechons, haires, warts, neves, inequalities," Burton's *Anatomy Of Melancholy*.

PAIZOGONY

(b) Love play or hanky-panky, from the Greek *paizein* to play + *-gony* giving birth to: "Forget stale monogamy, try a little paizogony."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

With 1 ... Nxe1! Black regains a whole rook, as 2 Qxg4 allows a snap checkmate with 2 ... Rf1.

Hall and Coaker earn place in sun

By Mel Webb

THE regional finals series now over, the scene is set for the national final of *The Times* Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge. A place under the Spanish sun awaits the five teams who will contest the final, to be held from November 25 to 29 at the Hyatt La Manga Club Resort in southern Spain.

The consensus among the 600 players in the five regional finals was that the challenge, the first national golf competition aimed specifically at the business community, has already achieved enough in its inaugural year to mark it down as an outstanding success. The national final will be the icing on a cake that has been so far been baked to perfection.

The finals, to which the five teams will be flown by Viva Air, the leisure arm of Iberia, Spain's national airline, seem likely to be hotly contested. Only nine Stableford points separated the five winners.

Top scorers were Hall and Coaker, a bricklaying company based in East Grinstead, who scored 95 at Foxhills Golf and Country Club, in Surrey, on Monday, and were followed by BP Oil, who won the Midlands final at Collingtree Park near Northampton last Wednesday with a score of 90.



They were followed by the Clerical Medical Investment Group, who finished with 89 in the first regional final at Fulford, near York, and the Northern Ireland Civil Service Sports Association, who scored 86 in the last final, at Hagges Castle, Glasgow, on Wednesday.

The competitors this year were the trail-blazers in an event that seems certain to grow rapidly in popularity.

The final will only underline the high quality of the event. The players will stay at the 192-room Hotel Principe Felipe, the centrepiece of the La Manga resort that offers just about the last word in comfort and luxury.

The software of the principal sponsors, Olivetti, the multi-national information technology company, will be used in La Manga for the 36-hole Stableford competition.

Every player in the regional finals was given a sweater supplied by Lyle and Scott, the leading leisurewear company, who will again be presenting the national finalists with garments in La Manga.

Titleist, the official ball suppliers to the challenge, will also be present at the national final, while the winners of the long-driving competition, Bill Barron, who achieved a blow of 262 yards at Fulford, and Barry Stevens, with an effort of 253 yards at Collingtree Park, will be joining the national finalists at La Manga. They will try to outhit Richard Boxall, the former Italian Open champion, and Darren Clarke, who won the Alfred Dunhill Open in Belgium on Sunday.

Details of the 1994 challenge, registration for which will cost £150 plus VAT, the same fee as this year, are obtainable from the challenge offices at 071 436 3415.

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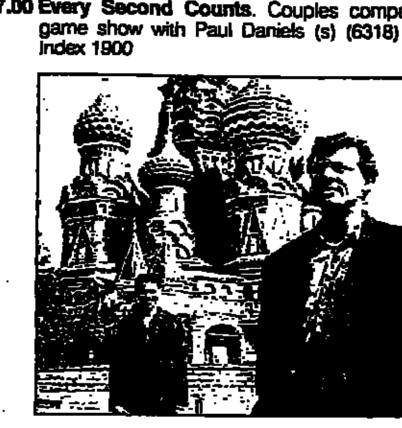
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BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (27739)
7.00 Breakfast News (61314776)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical studio discussion (s) (8264842)
9.45 Newshound. Current affairs quiz with Ross King and Julie Peasgood (s) (4992370)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4463825) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7195863)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine series (s) (87000134)
12.15 Pebble Mill Music and celebrity chat featuring a profile of Bob Monkhouse (s) (3207405) 12.55 **Regional News** and weather (23786573)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (33080)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (66072370)
1.50 Going for Gold. Quiz with the evergreen Henry Kelly (s) (66083486)
2.15 The Flying Doctors. Medical drama. (Ceefax) (s) (9437115)
3.00 Making Tracks. See Choice (6150365)
3.25 Cartoon Triple Bill (8697080)
3.45 Dooby Duck's Euro Tour (r) (s) (1804283)
3.50 Philbert the Frog (2550573)
3.55 The Little Green Planet Show. Last in the puppet series (s) (4301196)
4.10 The Animals of Farthing Wood. Based on the books by Colin Dann (r). (Ceefax) (s) (3782844)
4.35 Record Breakers. Featuring a 100m sprint with a jumbo jet in tow. (Ceefax) (s) (6095370)
5.00 Newsround (2947221)
5.10 Byker Grove. Charlie gets in the way with his film-making. (Ceefax) (s) (1913554)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (818028)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax). Weather (844)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (196). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Every Second Counts. Couples compete in a game show with Paul Daniels (s) (6318) **Wales:** Index 1900

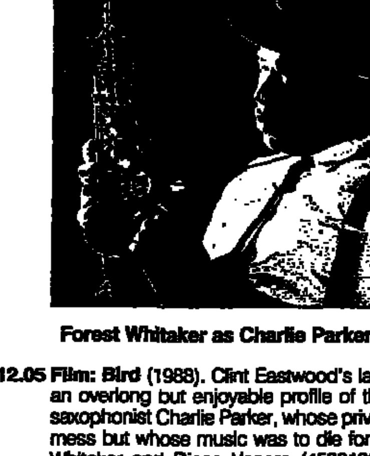


Pryce and Stableford in Moscow (7.30pm)

7.30 Tomorrow's World in Moscow presented by Carmen Pryce and Howard Stableford (Ceefax) (s) (680)
8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Humiliating family game show (2689)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (4931)
9.30 Film: Jagged Edge (1985). Joe Eszterhas, writer of *Basic Instinct*, penned this far more chilling thriller starring the excellent Glenn Close as a lawyer defending Jeff Bridges against savagely murdering his wealthy wife. Predictably, she falls in love with him, but is he really innocent? Directed by Richard Marquand. (Ceefax) (938931). **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box **10.20** Film: Jagged Edge **12.05** Film: Crucible of Terror
11.15 Film: Twins of Evil (1971). Peter Cushing has to decide which of his twin nieces has fallen under the spell of a vampire in this superior Hammer horror, directed by John Hough. With real-life twins Madeleine and Mary Collinson (913202)
12.40 Film: Terror from the Year 5000 (1958, b/w). Low budget saga in which a disfigured woman from the year AD 5,000 is transported into the present bent on revenge. With Ward Costello and Joyce Holden. Directed by Robert J. Gurney Jr (3470210)
1.55 Weather (1443719). *Ends at* **2.00**

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (9621738)
8.15 Reviving Antiques. John FitzMaurice Mills restores miniatures (r) (4453028)
8.20 Our Brilliant Careers Documentary about gifted children (r). (Ceefax) (5547196)
9.00 Daytime on Two Educational programmes. Plus, for children **1.20** Fingermouse (83442009) **1.35** Dilly the Dinosaur (78169979) **Northern Ireland: 11.15-11.35** Ulster in Focus (r)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (16471842) **2.05 Words and Pictures** (88960115)
2.15 Sport on Friday. Featuring Golf: coverage of the Alfred Dunhill Cup from St Andrews, Rugby League: a look ahead to tomorrow's first Test between Great Britain and New Zealand at Wembley; and Football: a review of this week's World Cup qualifying games (s) (38368689). Includes **at 3.00** and **5.30 News** (Ceefax) and weather
5.30 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson looks at the new C-class Mercedes, designed to combat falling sales of Mercedes-Benz cars (r). (Ceefax) (s) (573)
6.00 Captain Scarlet (Ceefax) (211467) **6.25 The Man from UNCLE** (Ceefax) (281202)
7.15 The Living Soap (s) See Choice (813202)
7.45 What the Papers Say with journalist Mitchell Symons (113931)
8.00 Public Eye: The Gangmasters. The plight of Britain's workers in the fields (3080)
8.30 An Englishwoman's Garden. The role of visitors in helping to pay for a garden's upkeep (s). (Ceefax) (2115)
9.00 The Look. Series taking a behind-the-scenes approach to the fashion world (r) (183738)
9.50 Animated Arias. Enrico Pascanini introduces the sextet "Questo é un nodo avviluppato" from Rossini's *La Cenerentola* and "Au fond du Temple Saint" from Bizet's *The Pearl Fishers* song by Nicolai Gedda and Ernest Blanc. Directed by Jimmy T. Murakami. (Ceefax) (800776)
10.00 KYTV. An investigation of a 1978 murder case (s) (38486)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. (Ceefax) (527844)
11.15 Poets' News. Last in the series in which poets give their interpretation of the day's news (s) (524047)
11.20 Midnight Jazz. Final part of the series of recordings from the Brecon Jazz festival. Features the Wynton Marsalis Group and New Orleans pianist, Marcus Roberts (r) (s) (660283) **Wales:** Film: Bird **1.55** Close
12.00 Weatherview (4334061)



Forest Whitaker as Charlie Parker (12.05am)

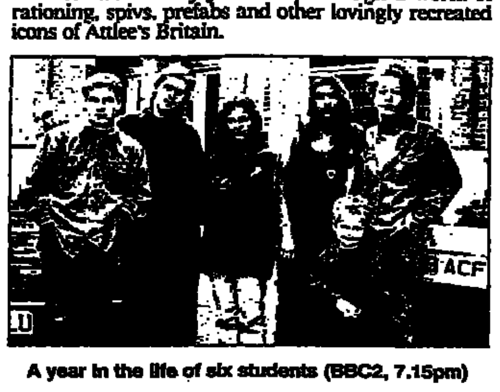
12.05 Film: Bird (1988). Clint Eastwood's labour of love, an overlong but enjoyable profile of the legendary saxophonist Charlie Parker, whose private life was a mess but whose music was to die for. With Forest Whitaker and Diane Venora (45801968). Ends at **2.45**

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CHOICE

Demob
ITV, 9.00pm

Here is a lighthearted period drama with all the makings of a hit and *not* just among people old enough to remember the ending of the second world war. Deasey (Griff Rhys Jones) and Dobson (Alec Clunes) are army buddies who are tipped out into civvy street, find ordinary life dull after fighting Rommel and try to make their way as a comedy double act. Written by Dean Lemmon and Andrew Montgomery, *Demob* is an oblique tribute to the many comedians, such as the Goons, who trod a similar path to fame and it includes an acting role for one real comic, the late Les Dawson. For the rest it is a joyous romp through a world of rationing, spivs, prefabs and other lovingly recreated icons of Attlee's Britain.



A year in the life of six students (BBC2, 7.15pm)

The Living Soap
BBC2, 7.15pm

Here is the perfect formula for a fly-on-the-wall documentary series. You get six people, in the same line of country but representing an assortment of personalities and outlooks, place them in a closed environment and set the cameras up. The cast of *The Living Soap* are students sharing a house in Manchester. They seem so well chosen for variety that you almost suspect a put-up job. The producers must fervently hope that they get on well enough to hold the series together but not so well as to preclude lively footage. At the moment the greatest tensions are over Matthew's loud music and Simon's tendency to stay out late. But this could be a honeymoon period.

Making Tracks
BBC1, 3.00pm

Given that they are so photogenic, it seems strange that television does not make more of steam railways. Hosted by the avuncular Bob Symes from *Tomorrow's World* and Mary-Jean Hasler, this low-key and unpretentious series is the latest attempt to fill the gap. The format is a location report, supplemented by footage of trains from around the world. This week Symes and Hasler are among the army of unpaid enthusiasts busy restoring steam to the former Great Central in Leicestershire.

Peter Waymark

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ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Features Richard Thorpe reporting live from the *Emerdale* set (6794134)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep. Game show (5438283)
9.55 London Today (Teletext) and weather (7171283)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s)(1156592)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (87094573) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2272283)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (4326931)
12.55 Coronation Street (r). (Teletext) (4334950) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (32586283) **1.55 A Country Practice** (s) (66077825)
2.20 News headlines (40281172) **2.25 London Today** and weather (84647783)
2.30 Capital Woman. Anneka Rice and Stephen Gardner celebrate London Fashion Week (s) (283) **3.00 Take the High Road** (9405)
3.30 Alphabet Castle. A light-hearted guide to the alphabet (s) (4326405)
3.40 Tots TV. Puppet series (s) (1814660)
3.50 Scooby Doo. Cartoon fun (1810844)
4.00 Astro Farm. A martian tiger escapes from the zoo (r). (Teletext) (s) (2274467) **4.15 The Legends of Treasure Island**. Animation (s) (3776283)
4.40 Knightmare. Adventure game with Hugo Myatt and Jackie Sawiris (s) (8662776)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (1473405)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (444592)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) (67486)
7.00 Family Fortunes. Two families compete for a chance to win the £3,000 jackpot (s) (1486)
7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (776)
8.00 You Bet! Charity game show (s) (7757)

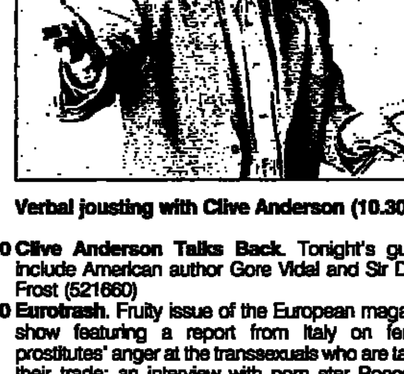


Double act Rhys Jones and Clunes (9.00pm)

9.00 Demob (Teletext) (s) See Choice (9991)
10.00 News (Teletext) and weather (25912) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (378660)
10.40 Crime Monthly. More attempts to solve crime, this time with Stewart Morris reporting from Covent Garden where there has been an epidemic of petty crime (649405)
11.40 Dial Midnight. Live phone-in including a chance to dial-a-date (s) (755825)
12.40 The ITV Chart Show. Featuring Prince in the *Video Vault* singing "1999" (s) (1721142)
1.35 Londoners. This month's programme features Jessica Smith on how to start your own business; Penny Solomon with a campaign to keep the London Travelcard; Dan Roland on how to make better use of waste products and Mark Beer on life in a wheelchair(3337158)
2.35 Whale On. James Whale offers music, competitions and debate (5125326)
3.35 The Big Bull. Young people's topical discussion show (78133177)
3.40 TXT. Celebrity music and chat (3187968)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. Latest movie news from Richard Blade (46974)
5.00 Riviera. Drama series set on the French Riviera (15516)
5.30 News (42429). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors. Cartoon adventures (38047)
7.00 The Big Breakfast. Introduced by Chris Evans (56931)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. General knowledge quiz hosted by Bill Cosby (r) (s) (42689)
9.30 Schools (925844)
12.00 Profiles of Nature. A look at differences of behaviour between two related species, the white and brown pelicans of North America (22825)
12.30 Sesame Street. Joe Williams sings "Birdland Jump" on today's edition of the sparky early learning show (85573)
1.30 The Bluffers. Whimsical animated tales (r) (49080)
2.00 Eat Up. Young people's relationship with food. (Teletext) (s) (8912)
2.30 Racing. Coverage from Newmarket including the 2.35, 3.05, 3.40 and 4.15 races (61844)
4.30 Fifteen to One. General knowledge quiz with William G. Stewart. (Teletext) (s) (689)
5.00 Defenders of the Wild: Tigers of Thailand. Documentary detailing National Park ranger Pe Arun's attempts to protect the endangered tigers of Thailand. As Arun patrols the forests in search of poachers, reporter Rebecca Chen poses as a buyer of tiger products to film the dealers in this illegal trade (r). (Teletext) (8399)
6.00 Hangin' with Mr Cooper. When Mark takes a temporary job in the office mailroom, he is swiftly promoted (Teletext). (s) (554)
6.30 Happy Days. Fifties comedy show. Fonzie prepares to be honoured as a model citizen, but a former classmate has other ideas. (Teletext) (134)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (853863)
7.50 First Reaction. An opinion on a subject of controversy (s) (499863)
8.00 Class Action. Sixth in the eight-part series dealing with topical issues in education (8776)
8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (7283)
9.00 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Rebecca Pow and Matthew Biggs join the gardeners of South Gloucester as they perform autumn chores. (Teletext) (7641)
9.30 Cheers. Sam finds himself haunted by a bet he made long ago. Unless he can marry actress Jacqueline Bisset in less than 24 hours, he will lose his livelihood (r). (Teletext) (60573)
10.00 Nurses. Hank shows Gina's sister round the hospital. (Teletext) (s) (23554)



Verbal jousting with Clive Anderson (10.30pm)

10.30 Clive Anderson Talks Back. Tonight's guests include American author Gore Vidal and Sir David Frost (521660)
11.10 Eurotrash. Fruity issue of the European magazine show featuring a report from Italy on female prostitutes' anger at the transsexuals who are taking their trade; an interview with porn star Rocco on location in Budapest and news of Malcolm McLaren's collaboration with Tunisian singer, Amina (767660)
11.45 Film: The Plot Against Harry (1969, b/w). Complicated Jewish comedy with Martin Priest excellent as Harry Plotnick, the small-time crook struggling to go straight. Written and directed by Michael Roemer (302467)
1.10 Trash Talk. The street life and culture of Buffalo, USA (8934332). Ends at **1.40**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Lynn Parsons **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (**FM** only from **12.00**) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM**)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Paul Cola **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Maestro: Offbeat musical quiz **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Richard Nunn at the piano **9.00** Listen to the Band. The Wanganui City Brass Band from New Zealand **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme from the Norwich Arts Centre **12.05am** Digby *Fairweather* with Jazz Notes **1.00-4.00** Charles Nove

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Primary Geography: Castries, St Lucia; **9.15** Playtime; **9.30** *The Music Box*, **9.45** Something to Think About: Infant Assemblies; **10.00** Music Workshop: Music Course 3 **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Room 101: Comedian Kevin Day **1.00** *News Update* **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** Sportsbeat. Including racing from Newmarket: **3.40** Dewhurst Stakes; and golf from St Andrews **4.30** Five Aside **6.30** Starting Out with Terry **7.15** Three Apples Fell from Heaven: Folk tales from Armenia **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euromix **9.30** Hair in the Gate **10.10** Rave **12.00-12.10am** News

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 5.30am** BBC English **5.45** News and Press Review in German **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** British News **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Europe Today **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** The World's Policeman **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** On the Move **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** The Tunesmiths **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** BBC English **12.45** Mittagsmagazin **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** The World's Policeman **1.45** Sport **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *Wimpole's Woe* **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** Music Review **5.00** News **5.10** British News **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Heute Aktuell **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** BBC English **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Heute Aktuell **8.00** News in German **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Europe Today **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** British News **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sport **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Worldbrief **12.30** Multitrack 3 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** The Learning World **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story: *The Birdman* **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** Sport **4.30** the Vintage Chart Show **5.00** News **5.15** Good Books

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto. Giuliani (Guitar Concerto in A: John Williams, English Chamber Orchestra) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Gershwin (Suite, Porgy and Bess); Strauss (Rosenkavalier Suite); Stravinsky (Suite, The Firebird) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Emperor Rosko **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00am** Sandy Beech

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (66077825) **2.30-3.00** A Little Piece Of Heaven (283) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (1473405) **6.00** Home And Away (231221) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (173844) **10.30** Anglia News (369912) **10.45** Film: The Big Chill (223370) **12.45am** The Twilight Zone (3224871) **1.05** Whale On (3698121) **2.05** Raw Power (3528968) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (7309413) **4.00** Get Wet (97177) **4.30** Riviera (55113500) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2398264)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (66077825) **2.30** Material World (283) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (9405) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (1473405) **6.00** Home And Away (231221) **6.25-7.00** Central News (173844) **10.30** Central News (378660) **10.40** Central Weekend (1380863) **12.10am** Film: The Cat And The Canary (720806) **1.50** Whale On (2164429) **2.50** The Beat (5212806) **3.50** Entertainment U.K. (7621332) **4.45** Jobfinder (2296852) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (8421581)

GRANADA
As London except: 2.30-3.00 Granada Action (283) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (1473405) **6.00** Home And Away (912) **6.30** Granada Tonight (578399) **6.55-7.00** Kick Off (351844) **10.30** Granada News (378660)

10.40 Film: Rebel Rousers (9072592) **12.05am** Beverly Hills 90210 (9961581) **12.55** Night Shift (7181662) **1.05** Whale On (3698121) **2.05** Raw Power (3528968) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (7309413) **4.00** Get Wet (97177) **4.30** Riviera (55113500) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2398264)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (66077825) **2.30-3.30** Highway To Heaven (53776) **6.00** HTV News & Weather (912) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (592) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (378660) **10.40** Film: The Deadly Game (86998134) **12.35am** New Candid Camera (4910429) **1.05** Whale On (3698121) **2.05** Raw Power (3528968) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (7309413) **4.00** Get Wet (97177) **4.30** Riviera (55113500) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2398264)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (912) **6.30-7.00** Get Going (592) **10.30** HTV Wales Headlines (378660) **10.40** Going *Their Ways* (869221) *11.10 The Big Story* (720008) **11.40** Married...With Children (508009) **12.10am-1.05** Beverly Hills 90210 (1608158)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 2.30 Take the High Road (283) **3.00-3.30** Shortland Street (9405) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (67486) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (378660) **10.40** Meridian Spotlight (1380863) **12.10am** Murder, She Wrote (1608158) **1.05** Whale On (3698121) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8828719) **2.35** Raw Power (5125326) **3.35** Cue The Music (7544239) **4.30** The Art Of The Landscape (46974) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (15516)

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (66077825) **2.40-3.30** Murder, She Wrote (7262776) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (836776) **6.30-7.00** Up Country (592) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (378660) **10.40** A Day In The Life Of A General (869221) **11.10** Film: Killer Fish (12039134) **1.20am** Whale On (7298185) **2.20** The Big E (5129142) **2.55-5.20** Film: The Root Of All Evil (35281500)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Sullivans (66077825) **2.30** Gardener's Diary (283) **3.00-3.30** *A Country Practice* (9405) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (67486) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (378660) **10.40** Beverly Hills 90210 (626554) **11.35** Love And War (509738) **12.05am** Duran Duran (1601245) **1.00** My Story (7549968) **1.05** Whale On (3698121) **2.05** Raw Power (3528968) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (7309413) **4.00** Get Wet (97177) **4.30** Riviera (55113500) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (2398264)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (66077825) **2.40-3.30** Murder, She Wrote (7262776) **5.55** Calendar (836776) **6.30-7.00** Parish Pump (592) **10.30** Calendar News (378660) **10.40** Married...With Children (869221) **11.10** Film: Killer Fish (Lee Majors, Karen Black, Margaux Hemingway) (899931) **1.00am** Whale On (64351) **2.00** The Big E (3604332) **2.55** Film. The Root Of All Evil (Phyllis Calvert, Michael Rennie, John McCallum) (518245) **4.55** Get Wet (55205535) **5.20-5.30** Get Stuffed!

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Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (56931) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (42689) **9.30** Schools (925844) **12.00pm** Profiles Of Nature (22825) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (57009) **1.00** Sesame Street (66318) **1.30** Class Action (86202) **2.30** Channel 4 Racing (20746009) **4.25** Slot 23 (5806399) **5.00** Trash Talk (2592) **5.30** Fifteen To One (641) **6.00** News (321318) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (583221) **6.25** *Heno* (171486) *7.00 Pobol Y Cwm* (9028) **7.30** Natur Wyllt (318) **8.00** Canrif O Gan (8776) **8.30** Newyddion (7283) **9.00** Concertol (8863) **10.00** Brookside (23554) **10.30** Clive Anderson Talks Back (521660) **11.10** Eurotrash (767660) **11.45** Film: The Plot Against Harry (302467)

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air: Including Mozart (Piano Concerto No 8 in C, K246); Rossini (Wind Quartet No 6 in F); Schumann (Fantasy in C, Op 131); Granados (Allegro de concierto); Simpson (Galliard, Almande and Canzon); Debussy (Jeux, Poème Dansé)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Shostakovich – The War Years. String Quartet No 3 in F, Op 73; Symphony No 9 in E flat
10.05 Musical Encounters: Chris Wines presents Wagner (Wachet Auf, Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg, Act 3); Strauss (Divertimento, third movement); Berlioz (L'Enfance du Christ, Part 2); Fauré (Dolly Suite); Prokofiev (Symphony No 7 in C sharp minor); Beethoven, orch Klemperer (Grosse Fuge); **11.30** Artist of the Week: Lindsay String Quartet performs Tippett (String Quartet No 5)
12.00 Lieder and Followers: Richard Wigmore presents eight German poems, each in one familiar and one unfamiliar setting (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Joanna McGregor, piano, plays Bach (Anna Magdalena Notebook excerpts); Bartók (Six Bulgarian Dances, Mikrokosmos, Bk 6); Alasdair Nicolson (Lullabies for Madeleine); Schumann (Kinderszenen, Op 15); Chick Corea (Children's Songs - excerpts)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: Goldsmiths' Sinfonia; Goldsmiths' Chorus under Edward Gregson perform Delius (Brigg Fair); Vaughan Williams (Tuba Concerto: Rhodri Huw); Diana Burrell (Scene with Birds); Holst (The Hymn of Jesus)
3.25 Maggie Cole, harpsichord, performs Purcell (Ground in C minor, Z221); Louis Couperin (Passacaille in C); Haflidhi Hallgrimsson (Strond); Soler (Sonatas: No 85 in F sharp minor; No 90 in F sharp); Ligeti (Hungarian Rock); Bach (English Suite No 2 in A minor, BWV807) (r)
4.30 Music from Thailand: Fong Naam performs a version of the suite *Chard Nai*, from the royal Thai court (r)
5.00 In Tune, presented by Richard Baker. Including Mozart (Overture, Mitridale); Bortnyansky (Cherubic Hymn No 7); Haydn (Symphony No 101 in D, Clock)
7.30 Messiaen Commemorative Concert: London Symphony Orchestra under Pierre Boulez, with Françoise Pollet, soprano, John Alley, piano, perform Messiaen (L'Ascension, quatre méditations symphoniques; Chronochromie: La Ville d'en haut: Poèmes pour Mi)
9.15 The Big Thicket: Edward Swift relates the last story of his childhood in Texas
9.25 Joachim Piano Trio performs Haydn (Piano Trio in A, H XV 18); Ravel (Piano Trio in A minor) (r)
10.10 Italian Songs: Martyn Hill, tenor, Andrew Lawrence-King, harp, perform songs by the singer-composer Francesco Rasi, dating from 1608 (r)
10.45 Music to Measure: See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: Alywnne Pritchard introduces Iannis Xenakis (Eonta; Metastaseis); and the improvisation trio, the Recedents, in session
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years, by Sue Townsend (final part) **8.58** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is the opera singer Lesley Garrett (r)
9.45 Pennine People: Muck and Brass. John Dowse was a textiles millionaire who transformed his mansion at Hey Green into a Yorkshire South Sea Island
10.00-10.30 East Going West (**FM** only): Mark Tully asks beggars in Calcutta how they cope with poverty
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (**LW** only)
10.15 The Bible (**LW** only): Job. Read by Joss Ackland (4/7)
10.30 Woman's Hour. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours: John Howard chairs a debate on the future of road transport
12.25pm The Food Programme: Derek Cooper investigates how diet relates to the high number of Glaswegians who suffer from heart disease, cancer, diabetes and strokes **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, presented by Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Small House at Allington, by Anthony Trollope (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 Your Place or Mine? The Magdalen Laundry. See Choice
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope visits the "Canaletto and England" exhibition at the Gas Hall in Birmingham; listens to Cajun musician Eddie Lejeune; reports on the Tullie House Gallery in Carlisle; and reviews Ray Shell's book, *Iced*
4.45 Short Story: Now You Know, by Michael Carson. Read by Trevor Nichols (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Going Places looks at the first electric bus service
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week, presented by Chris Serle
8.05 Any Questions? Sir Michael Angus, president of the CBI and chairman of Whitbread; Dr Mary Archer, scientist; Nicholas Hinton, director general of the Save the Children Fund; and Ben Pimlott, professor of politics and contemporary history, Birkbeck College, University of London, tackle the issues raised in Putney. The chairman is Jonathan Dimbleby
8.50 Law in Action: A new series with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Cinemas in the Living Room (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Shakespeare · The Truth. The final part
11.00 Week Ending: A satirical review of the week's news
11.25 The Financial Week
11.45 Miles and Miles of Mud: Sixteen-year-old Jonathan Whitney from Essex explores the "miles and miles of mud" beneath Southend pier (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

Music to Measure. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
Edward Seckerson makes a painstaking attempt to establish whether today's sophisticated recording methods interfere with music rather than enhance it. On balance, the expert opinion he taps is critical of those engineers concerned more with enshrining the definitive recording than the definitive performance. The artistic director of one recording company deplores the growing cult of the record producer. His philosophy of "one microphone, one pair of ears, one perspective" will sound reactionary only to those who cannot appreciate music for its own sake.

Your Place or Mine: The Magdalen Laundry. *Radio 4, 3.30pm.*
As an indictment of perverted religiosity, Julian Vignoles's enquiry takes some beating. Until it was shut down in the 1970s, this institution for "fallen" women run by nuns was western Ireland's real-life re-enactment of Yorkshire's Dotheboys Hall. The catalogue of cruelties inflicted on the inmates, many of them scarcely more than children, defies belief. So does the name of the order to which the punishing nuns belonged: Mercy.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; FM-97.6-99.8. **RADIO 2:** FM-88-90.2. **RADIO 3:** FM-90.2-92.4. **RADIO 4:** 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. **RADIO 5:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. **LBC:** 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. **CAPITAL:** 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. **GLR:** 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; **WORLD SERVICE:** MW 648kHz/463m. **CLASSIC FM:** FM-100-102. **VIRGIN:** MW-1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. **COMPILED BY STEPHANIE BILLEN AND GILLIAN MAXEY**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (74458347) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (9160202) **9.00** Cartoons (84889) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (95283) **10.00** Card Sharks (61399) **10.25** Concentration (8511202) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (3164912) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (44432) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (64825) **12.30pm** E Street (25329) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (34554) **2.00** The Rebels (62028) **3.00** Another World (6303283) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5668047) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8931) **6.00** Games World (5573) **6.30** E Street (6825) **7.00** Rescue (9660) **7.30** Growing Pains (2009) **8.00** World Wrestling Federation Mania (37283) **9.00** Cops (15573) **9.30** Code 3 (19863) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (as 5pm) (50134) **11.00** The Streets of San Francisco (92757) **12.00** The Outer Limits (71142) **1.00am** Night Court (44581) **1.30-2.00** It's Gary Shandling's Show (74210)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (8659950) **9.30** ABC Nightline (88757) **10.30** Memories of 1970-91 (46283) **11.30** Japan Business Today (66825) **12.30pm** World News and Business Report (57399) **1.30** CBS Morning News (58028) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (91950) **3.30** ABC Nightline (91221) **4.30** World News and Business Report (5950) **5.00** Live at Five (197009) **7.30** Optional Earth (11202) **9.30** Talkback (76931) **11.30** CBS Evening News (68115) **12.30am** ABC World News Tonight (57603) **1.30** Critical Earth (71448) **2.30** Memories of 1970-91 (96806) **3.30** Talkback (91351) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (82606) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (97993)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5431047)
10.00 Fire, Ice and Dynamite (1990): An enigmatic billionaire, Roger Moore, stages a sporting marathon (25365)
12.00 Finders Keepers (1985): Caper with Cliff Richard and the Shadows (69931)
2.00pm The Ambushers (1968): Dean Martin stars Matt Helm (41486)
4.00 Vanishing Wilderness: American wildlife documentary (48762467)
5.50 Fire, Ice and Dynamite (as 10am) (12181196) **7.40 US Top Ten** (123283)
8.00 The Bonfire of the Vanities (1991): Tom Wolfe's social comedy stars Tom Hanks, Melanie Griffith and Bruce Willis (30967370)
10.05 Final Analysis (1992): Psychological thriller starring Richard Gere, Kim Basinger and Uma Thurman (18336405)
12.10am The Best of Martial Arts (1990): A compilation of fight scenes (790210)
1.50 Cowboys Don't Cry (1987): A rodeo star and his son are forced to show their feelings. With Ron White (751413)
3.50 Roots of Evil (1992): Alex Cord tracks a killer who is preying on members of the Los Angeles underworld (799719). Ends at **5.25**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm What's Up, Doc? (1972): Screwball comedy starring Barbra Streisand and Ryan O'Neal (88278825)
7.35 Villains in the Movies: Actors talk about their roles (571931)
8.00 They Were Expendable (1945, b/w): John Ford's epic in which American torpedo boats battle against the Japanese. With Robert Montgomery (32675880)
10.10 Sabata (1970): Spaghetti western with Lee Van Cleef (152825). Ends at **12.00**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Frank Einstein: Cartoon (57757)
7.00 The Black Cat (1934, b/w): Horror outing with Boris Karloff and Bela Lugosi (4469825)
8.05 The Prisoner of Zenda (1988): Animated version of the classic story about two feuding brothers (7203405)
9.10 Westward Ho! (1988): Cartoon adventures on the high seas (5869450)
10.10 Frankenstein Meets the Wolfman (1943, b/w): Monster machinations with Lon Chaney Jr and Bela Lugosi (13214757)
12.00 Thunder Over the Plains (1953): Post-civil war western starring Randolph Scott and Lex Barker (67573)
2.00pm The Creature from the Black Lagoon (1954). Anthropologists discover a humanoid fish. With Richard Carlson (49028)
4.00 The Prisoner of Zenda (as 8.05am) (6902363)
4.35 Westward Ho! (as 9.10am) (4448660)
5.55 The Russia House (1990): John Le Carré's spy thriller stars Sean Connery and Michelle Pfeiffer (79646931)
8.00 Does This Mean We're Married? (1992): An American entertainer and a French songwriter enter a marriage of convenience. With Patsy Kensit and Stephane Freiss (11858115)
9.35 American Comedies: Profiles of the stars and the films (450660)
10.00 Strays (1992): Kathleen Quinlan and Timothy Busfield as a couple whose dream home is invaded by wild cats (1288660)
11.25 Wild Thing (1987): Kathleen Quinlan tries to tame a streetwise boy (748931)
1.00am Puppet Master (1989): Three psychics are menaced by killer dolls (20697)
2.30 Into the Badlands (1991): A trilogy of short films about a bounty hunter's search for *a killer*. With Bruce Dern (79429)
4.00 Kiss of the Vampire (1963): Edward De Souza avenges the death of his wife (33993). Ends at **6.00**

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7.00am Soccer News (2927405) **7.15** Prime Bodies (443991) **7.45** NHRA Drag Racing Today (893432) **8.15** Soccer News (1744283) **8.30** ATP Tennis Magazine (50221) **9.00** Prime Bodies (41573) **9.30** Andy Gray's Boot Room (15825) **10.30** Best of British Motorsport (80641) **11.30** Prime Time Baseball (45738) **12.00** Pro-Polo (38009) **12.30pm** Watersports World (91757) **1.30** American Sports Cavalcade (92486) **2.30** US Open Golf 1993 (66680) **3.30** Gillette World Sports Special (9931) **4.00** Boots 'n' All (68689) **5.00** Andy Gray's Boot Room (2399) **6.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (64912) **7.00** Baseball Bloopers (66573) **8.00** Major League Baseball (986115) **11.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (27467) **12.00** The Footballers' Football Show (15500) **1.00-2.00am** American Sports Cavalcade (78177)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Step Aerobics (52889) **9.00** Equestrian: Show Jumping World Cup (14554) **10.00** National Hockey League (44134) **11.00** Bowling Masters of Germany (24370) **12.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (81738) **1.30pm** Motors Magazine (87554) **2.30** Tennis ATP Tour Highlights (9554) **3.00** Tennis ATP Tour Bolzano Italy (6970196) **6.30** International Motorsport Magazine (12467) **7.30** Eurosport News (5937) **8.00** Tennis ATP Tour Bolzano Italy (91405) **10.00** Boxing (18370) **11.30** American Football (10689) **12.00** National Hockey League (17968) **1.00am** Eurosport News (75429) **1.30-2.00** Eurofun Magazine (39018)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (3332196) **7.30** Neighbours (3344931) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (8510221) **8.30** EastEnders (8519592) **9.00** The Bill (8500844) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (5411028) **10.30** Casualty (7363641) **11.30** Rhoda (3693912) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (8580080) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5420134) **1.00** EastEnders (3331467) **1.30** The Bill (5429405) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (8662467) **2.30** Bread (6279950) **3.00** Dallas (3694028) **4.00** Dynasty (3606863) **5.00** Blankety Blank (8686047) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (6257738) **6.00** Neighbours (6287979) **6.30** EastEnders (6261931) **7.00** All Creatures Great and Small (7234134) **8.00** Are You Being Served? (8675931) **8.30** Bread (8661738) **9.00** Casualty (7230318) **10.00** The Bill (8598009) **10.30** Rory Bremner (8507757) **11.00** Top of the Pops: Christmas day, 1979 (8074283) **12.05** Dr Who (3176500) **12.35-2.15am** Film. The Beast with Five Fingers (1946, b/w) starring Peter Lorre (4002448)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (46689) **7.00** Around the World with Willy Fog (3234950) **7.45** Pugwall's Summer (8341370) **8.30** Widget (74825) **9.00** Jack in the Box (85592) **11.00** Stories Without Words (17979) **11.30** Say Ahhh! including 3-2-1 Contact (78080) **12.00** Fame (15660) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (55080) **3.00** The Care Bears (3246080) **3.25** RatKan II (6130554) **4.00** Sandokan (3776) **4.30-5.00** Runaway Bay (2660)

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DISCOVERY
4.00pm Nature by Profession (3604405) **5.00** Search for Adventure (8663196) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (1039015) **6.50** Only in Hollywood (8845283) **7.00** The Arctic (8664825) **7.30** The Global Family (6265757) **8.00** Around Whicker's World (7218196) **9.00** A Profile of Waylon Jennings (7221660) **10.00** Diamonds Were Forever (7231047) **11.00-12.00** Hollywood (3349486)

BRAVO
12.00 On Call (5093592) **12.35pm** Film: Mourning Becomes Electra (1947, b/w): Rosalind Russell falls for a younger man (75821196) **2.45** Art Linkletter and the Kids (8687399) **3.00** Bonanza (3689196) **4.00** The Flying Nun (6255370) **4.30** My Three Sons (6251554) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (8671115) **5.30** Honey West (6275134) **6.00** The Doris Day Show (6272047) **6.30** Car 54, Where Are You? (6263399) **7.00** The Mothers-in-Law (8691979) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (6252283) **8.00** Film: The Uncle (1964, b/w): Comedy drama with Rupert Davies **9.30** Trudy (5402738) **10.00** Film: City Under the Sea (1965). Starring Vincent Price (7080221) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (7477216)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (2953592) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (8076979) **8.30** Living Daylights (8068950) **9.00** Divorce Court (8059202) **9.30** Hot Topics (5598554) **10.00** Fighting Back (3801641) **10.30** Living Extra (8065486) **11.00** The Advice Shop (1818467) **11.30** Eating Out with John Tovey (1819196) **12.00** Practical Living (35085776) **12.15pm** Kilroy (7003283) **1.00** Crosswits (6898660) **1.30** Infatuation (5591641) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (3802370) **3.00** Agony Hour (1813912) **4.00** Crosswits (7479221) **4.30** Infatuation (7475405) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (9412641) **6.00** The Full Treatment (7456370) **6.30** Floyd on Fish (7470950) **7.00** Agony Hour (3257080) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (3273028) **9.00** False Arrest: Conclusion (39419950) **10.50** Fame, Fortune and Romance (3858554) **11.00** Divorce Court (1833776) **11.30** The All New Dr Ruth Show (3807825) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (2837500)

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5.00pm Danger Bay (4776) **5.30** The Wonder Years (3912) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (7775) **6.30** Catchphrase (4405) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (4912) **7.30** All Clued Up (7919) **8.00** Snowy River: The McGregor Saga (19625) **9.00** Film: Cry Wilderness (1990): A boy saves Big Foot (98844) **10.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (95318) **11.00** The Bob Newhart Show (92660) **11.30** Newhart (71399) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (59968)

MTV
7.00am Awake on the Wild Side (773738) **10.00** VJ Marijne (429405) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (80298) **2.00** VJ Simone (643738) **4.30** Coca-Cola Report (8767757) **4.45** At the Movies (6755912) **5.00** News (6869221) **5.15** 3 from 1 (5623641) **5.30** Dial MTV (5370) **6.00** The Soul of MTV (2283) **6.30** Music Non-Stop (49776) **8.00** Metalmentary (2318) **8.30** Most Wanted (25028) **10.00** Greatest Hits (34134) **11.00** Coca-Cola Report (863776) **11.15** At the Movies (973399) **11.30** News (222202) **11.45** 3 from 1 (227757) **12.00** Beavis and Butthead (72622) **12.30am** VJ Marijne (98158) **2.00** Chill Out Zone (73239) **3.00-7.00** Night Videos (6361332)

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6.00am Asian Morning (70134) **6.30** Punjabi News (7489028) **6.45** Gujarati News (3870689) **7.00** Bengali News (176989) **7.30** Hindi News (96196) **8.00** Urdu News (82080) **8.30** English News (70301) **9.30** Babla Ki Baad (59283) **10.30** Lifestyle (24009) **11.30** Telly Talk. With Shanaz Randeria (87414) **12.00** Hindi, Urdu and English News (72467) **12.30pm** Nukkad (30979) **1.00** Pakistan Film (320660) **4.00** Kiddie Time (85757) **5.00** TVA - Dedicated To You (70989) **6.00** Close **7.00** Showtime with TV Asia (4370) **7.30** Sportsworld Weekly Magazine (6221) **8.00** English News (181738) **8.15** D. Youth (689776) **9.00** Hindi Film: Aaj Ka Karz (862202) **12.05am** Sai Nath Ka Karz (4236210) **1.00** Hindi Film: Meri Zindagi (2822280) **3.30** Mandi (45535) **5.00** Hasty Bashir (85259) **5.30-6.00** Music (42412)

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Defiant manager pledges to see England through World Cup campaign

Taylor left on his own to take the blame

By Rob Hughes, Football Correspondent

■ Rare sympathy for Graham Taylor after the World Cup defeat of England in Holland fails to disguise the reasons why both sides are inferior to Norway, the group leaders

ON THE morning after Rotterdam, which, barring extraordinary events, represented England's last port on the World Cup qualifying journey, Graham Taylor faced the press.

He emerged into the room like a badger into light. His face could not quite muster a smile, but he spoke of the need for dignity in what clearly will be his last months as manager of England's football team. He said he would not continue the pointless anger and frustration over the refereeing during the 2-0 defeat by Holland on Wednesday night. He would continue, unless the Football Association (FA) decided otherwise, to manage England in the final group match, against San Marino in Bologna next month, and see out the contract that expires next spring.

Instead of sharp criticism, there was sympathy. Taylor was a man alone. The players, whose failings were on the pitch, had returned to their clubs. The grey committee men, whose appointments ought also to require accountability, were probably still in their beds; unavailable.

Taylor is their professional front man. The FA pays him a salary which far exceeds that of the prime minister and a great part of that is for public relations as much as for acumen as a coach, motivator, and selector. Taylor accepts that results are his responsibility, that failure in Rotterdam only added to the loss of home points against Holland and Norway, and to the debacle in Oslo, where England had also lost 2-0.

Taylor came clean. His comments the previous night, fuelled by the incredible decision of the German referee not to send off Ronald Koeman, the Holland captain, for a blatant professional foul, blinkered and betrayed him. The refereeing was appalling, but as an excuse, it served no greater purpose than the puerile nonsense in 1986 that England were then beaten by Maradona's hand-of-God goal. Argentina won then because they were comfortably the better team — and so, in Rotterdam, were the Dutch.

The crux of the matter was not that a referee had a blind spot: it was the more fundamental truth that Holland and England are inferior in this World Cup qualifying group to Norway. The Norwegians, scoffed at and disparaged by Dutch and Englishmen, have stretched five points clear of England, have won seven and drawn two of their nine matches and, through competence, organisation, athleticism and high morale, have been some way the leaders in group two.

That England, indeed Taylor, compounded things through tactical confusion in Oslo is history. That two of Norway's goalscorers in the 3-0 win against Poland in Poznan on Wednesday were Jostein Flo, of Sheffield United, and Jan Aage Fjortoft, of Swindon Town, ridicules another English excuse that it is the rigours of week-to-week club football which so tire the England prospects.

But something else should have been apparent in Rotterdam: in Ronald Koeman, Rijkaard and Wouters, the Dutch had a kernel of experienced campaigners each with more than 60 caps, a combined experience beyond that of all the players chosen in England's team. More than that, eight of the Dutch starting 11 either began at, or later passed through, the Ajax club grooming system in Amsterdam. They were all at some stage enlightened by the coaching belief of Johan Cruyff and you could see the continuity, the bonding on the field of play.

Taylor seemed surprised yesterday to be asked if he thought the technical qualities of the Dutch were superior, questioning in what way. In the way, surely, of players with vision and skill enough to find each other over a radius of 50 yards, players whose movement off the ball for one another suggested either a higher skill factor or a more practised and reliable unity. The England manager conceded the point, though he quickly added that the Dutch had ragged and vulnerable edges in their defence and that had, for example, Paul Merson completed one supreme and elusive run with a shot on target, English skill would have been praised and Dutch fallibility derided.

Nevertheless, where in England is there such a schooling ground as Ajax? Though this is a subjective judgment, who would not rather see the vivacity, the imagination with which those Amsterdamers propel the ball around?

If Taylor was indeed a man alone yesterday, he was a man against the system — the English system in which clubs tend to play separate and vastly disparate methods. What man has a chance against a system? Taylor, with his emotions bared, had no answer to that. He never did, for he is a product of the system, a coach of the English FA school and a man who, once given the task of taking England out into the world, needed all of his three-year tenure as a learning base.

It is virtually certain now that he will not be asked to apply that knowledge in the FA's employ and by no means is he sure it would be best for his future to try. Where does that leave England? The leagues, which the British boast to be the most competitive in the world, still attempt to support five World Cup teams, none of which at this moment is sure to be represented at the finals in the United States next summer.

The frightening thing is that there is a body of opinion that Taylor should carry the can. To sack him now would be asinine, though Peter Swales, who fires managers at Manchester City as regularly as leaves fall from the trees, rules nothing out. Swales is Taylor's boss, the chairman of the FA international committee, and Swales, when the party broke up at Luton airport in the early hours of Thursday, would say only that there was no committee meeting planned until December.

One final thought. Rather on a small fire lit by England supporters in the stands of the Feyenoord stadium an hour after the Dutch masses had dispersed. It was a reckless, and aimless, a typically English thing to do. One hopes it did not have the symbolic sense of a funeral pyre.

Up to 15 million television viewers watched England lose to Holland in Rotterdam last night, 3.4 million short of the record rating set when England played Ireland in 1990. About 16.5 million watched the bout between Chris Eubank and Nigel Benn on Saturday.



Taylor pays no attention to the exit sign yesterday . . . hindsight would only focus his thoughts on the moment when Koeman hauled down the goal-bound Platt

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Defeat leaves Scotland's world out of kilter

By John Hopkins
Golf Correspondent

THE week has not gone well for Scotland. On Monday, Andy Stewart died and a nation mourned the man who wrote the song, *Donald, Where's Your Trousers*, in ten minutes at Victoria Station. On Wednesday, Scotland were defeated by Italy in a football World Cup qualifying match. Yesterday, worst of all, Scotland were humiliated in the Alfred Dunhill Cup, losing to Paraguay, a country that has only three courses, fewer than St Andrews, and 15 playing professionals.

Paraguay's 2-1 victory is one of the more stunning events to occur on the Old Course at St Andrews, which has seen a few in its lifetime. Paraguay earned their place at St Andrews via a regional event in Taiwan. Once they arrived at the home of golf, they felt they had little chance against Scotland, the third seeds.

Only two of the Paraguayans are world-ranked — Angel Franco (803rd) and his brother, Carlos (876th). By contrast, Colin Montgomerie, Sam Torrance and Gordon Brand Jr are ranked among the leading 40 professionals in the world. Montgomerie is seventeenth, Brand 32nd and Torrance 37th.

The main culprit for the home side was Montgomerie, their captain, whose face at the conclusion of his match against Raul Fretes was as red as Wales's sweaters. It was from embarrassment not exertion. Montgomerie, playing third, was three strokes ahead of Fretes with five holes to play yet contrived to lose by one stroke. Carlos Franco got the match off to a storming start for Paraguay by coming home in 33 for a 70 to beat Torrance by four strokes. Brand outplayed Angel Franco, with birdies at two of the last five holes on his way to a 71.

It all depended on Montgomerie. Not only did he drop shots on both the 16th and 17th, but Fretes rolled in a long curling putt on the 18th for a birdie three. It meant Montgomerie had to hole a ten-footer to halve. He failed. "If you go round in 75, you don't deserve to win," he said.

The Paraguayans were beside themselves with pleasure, their handsome, sunburned faces alive with excitement at their achievement. "When I made that putt on the 18th, I think I will remember it for the rest of my life," Fretes, in broken English, said. "They will not believe this result back home."

It was bitterly cold and quite windy and the golf reflected it. There were only two scores under 70 all day and the favourites were sent flying. Zimbabwe, the top seeds, were beaten 3-0 by Ireland. The Canadians, out early, beat Australia, the second seeds.

While this mayhem was going on, it was hard to avoid the Faldos — and not just Nick, the most famous bearer of the surname, who captained England to a comfortable 3-0 victory over Mexico. Among those who traipsed around a bitterly cold Old Course were his parents, George, hatless in a keen wind, and Joyce, dressed up to the nines. Waiting at the top of the steps behind the 18th green was his wife, Gill, hidden behind dark glasses, wide-brimmed hat, scarf, thick jacket and trousers.

The smiling face of the world's No 1 golfer also appeared in the day's newspapers, advertising BBC Radio. In the advertisement, Yasser Arafat, the chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, appears to be whispering into Faldo's ear. Faldo was puzzled at the connection at first and then flattered that, of all the available sportsmen, he should be the one chosen. "Perhaps he wants a golf course built," he joked.

Golf was no laughing matter when England, the defending champions, teed off against Mexico. Peter Baker joined the long list of those who have misjudged the second shot to the first green. He had 117 yards to the flag and hit a nine-iron. It was not enough. Plop went the ball into the Swilcan Burn.

"I couldn't believe it," Baker said. "The water was 107 yards away. It didn't occur to me that I couldn't hit a nine-iron that far. It was one of my most solid shots all day."

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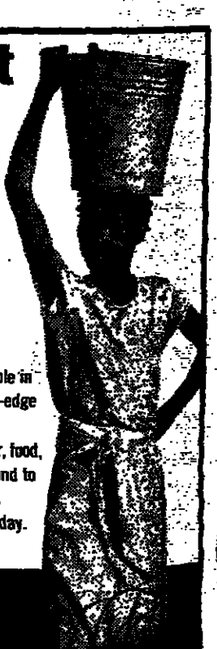
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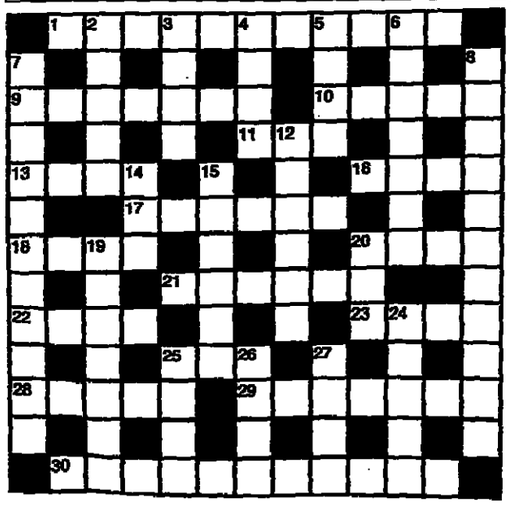
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Kasparov - Short, Times World Championship, game 3. Black is a great deal of material down here - a rook and a piece. What is his best bet to get some back?

Watch out for part six of the history of the world championship in next Saturday's magazine, when we see Smyslov in action.



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

RUTILANT
a. Glowing with reddish light
b. A dedicated hermit
c. A bankrupt aristocrat

VOMITORY
a. Aperture of an exhaust pipe
b. A holiday rest home
c. Passage for spectators in Roman amphitheatre

NEVE
a. A mark or scar on the skin
b. A repressed sneeze
c. A noughts and crosses grid

PAIZOGONY
a. Destructive criticism
b. Love play or hanky-panky
c. Study of clairvoyancy

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